

The Great North Road

Part 1: Ermine Street (The Old North Road)

Legiones Romanas in itinere in Britannia

Part 2: Sherwood

Dm Dm/C Dm/A# Dm/A

Beyond the Trent and the River Don

C Am Dm

The Great North Road now runs

Dm Dm/C Dm/A# Dm/A

Where once the greenwood proudly stood

C Am Dm

A home to Robin Hood

A pitted track, so slow the carts,

Where arrows fly so fast

An outlaw band patrol the wood

The home of Robin Hood

Dm Dm/C Dm/A# Dm/A

Oh! Where are the trees and the canopy

Gm C Dm

Gone with the passing of time

Dm Dm/C Dm/A# Dm/A

Oh! Where are the trees and the roof of green

Gm C Dm

Gone with the passing of time

Beyond the Trent and the River Don

The Great North Road now runs

Where once the greenwood proudly stood

A home to Robin Hood

Part 3 The Coach to York

D C A D

Board the coach outside the inn

Start day four of travelling

God willing we might sleep tonight in York

Pausing at the Turnpike Gate

Horses tired and running late

God willing we might sleep tonight in York

A Muddy broken Roman Road

The rutted track slows down the coach

God willing we might sleep tonight in York

Watching as the sun goes down

No sight of the northern town

God wills we will not sleep tonight in York

In darkness trembling with fear

The highwayman makes his way clear

God wills we will not sleep tonight in York

Travellers, wary, on our way

As soon as night gives way to day

God willing we will sleep tonight in York

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Passing through the city gate

We wonder what dark fate awaits

God willing we will sleep tonight in York

Within the inn, the fireside talk

The Great North Road, where footpads walk

The Devil sleeps upon his bed in York

Part 4: North of the Wall

C G

The road drives on

Am F

Past an iron rusted angel

C G

And crosses the Tyne

Am G C

North of The Wall

Like a river that's straightened

And channelled for speed

Into Northumberland

North of The Wall

Am G

High moors to the west

Em D

And the sea to the east

Am G

The great road to Scotland

Em D

From the Tyne to the Tweed

On a bridge and a bypass

A sign of our times

Headlights on tarmac

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At the edge of an empire

With the ghosts of Bernicia

Through great Northumbria

North of The Wall

A roadway to raiders

A trunk road for traders

Onward to Edinburgh

North of the Wall

High moors to the west

And the sea to the east

The great road to Scotland

From the Tyne to the Tweed

A pathway for pagans

And Lindisfarne Christians

To a border at Berwick

North of The Wall

Part 5: The Ghost Legion

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