

# The Music of the Forest

## Bowland Song Cycle

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### THE LORD KINGS OF BOWLAND

From Cross o'Greete to Bowland Trough  
From Croasdale Fell to Chipping Brook  
From Clougha Pike to Ughtersyke  
Lord Kings of Bowland paramount

One thousand years and forty lords  
De Lacy, Poitou, Gosmont, Gaunt  
Dukes Albemarle, Montagu, Buccleuch  
Towneley, O'Hagan, Bowland too

From Wyerburne Foot to Hathernthwaite  
From Calder Dale to Brennand Side  
From Harrop Fold to Holden Beck  
Lord Kings of Bowland paramount

Forest and Liberty, with manors ancient  
Slaidburn, Dunnaw, Waddington,  
Bashall, Mitton, Leagram, Crook  
Dunnaw, Newton, Hammerton

From Easington to Grindleton  
From Forest High to Forest Low  
From Bradford West to Wolfhole Crag  
Lord Kings of Bowland paramount

Proclaim from Hodder o'er to Loud  
From Wyre to Lune and Ribbleside  
Lords of the Fells, forever lords,  
Lord Kings of Bowland, lords paramount

### BOWLAND SUN

Song for Henry of Bowland

You are the sun  
Chasing shadows from the fells  
Flaring at dusk down a dark lane  
The sudden rainbow after rain

You are the young green  
Freshening the tree  
A startling glimmer  
Of eternity

You are the star rising over the moor  
The hawk soaring  
Through silence  
Vast and raw

You are the air  
Driving clouds brightly across the land  
One tiny hand  
Enfolding a forest

You are my air  
My sun  
With whom forest, fells and moors are  
One.

## LORD OF THE FELLS

Agmundrholdr, Spear of Terror  
Lord of war  
Scorching a path  
From Dyflin to Jorvik

Agmundrholdr, Gracious One  
Feared leader  
All bow before you  
From the hills to the grey sea

Agmundrholdr, Father  
Descended of Ivarr  
Called Mundi by those you love  
Your warrior's hand rocking the cradle

Agmundrholdr, Hero  
Blood sacrifice  
Cut down at Tettenhall  
Stem of a flower that will no longer bloom

Agmundrholdr, Ghost  
Son of the Wanderer  
Your shadow falling still across our land  
From Cocker to Hodder, from Ribble to Loud

## SONS OF SETANTA

Setanta, Hound of Ulster  
Lord of the Setantii  
From Seteia to Belisama  
From Wyre to Lune  
Whence came Coel Hen

Coel Hen, lord of the Old North  
King of Rheged  
A land lost in mist and myth  
A merry old soul  
Whence came Rieinmellt

Rieinmellt, daughter of Rhoedd  
Wife of Oswiu  
Mother of Northumbria  
Of twenty-eight kings  
Whence came Ecgberht

Ecgberht, slave to the Danes  
Their heathen army  
Ravaging York  
Collector of taxes  
Whence came Agmundr

Agmundr, Spear of Terror  
Lord of war  
Scorching a path  
From Dyflin to Jorvik  
Whence came Eadred

Eadred, King of the English  
Conqueror of the North  
Scourge of the Scots  
Maker of earls  
Whence came Tostig

Tostig, last of the Saxons  
Son of Godwin  
Slain at Stamford  
Outlaw in his own lands  
Whence came the Poitevin

Roger the Poitevin, Harrier of the North  
In regno Anglo-Normannorum  
Slayer of Dolfin  
Whence came Bowland  
Lords of Bowland two score and three

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