

A History of Britain in Ten Quatrains

1. Genesis and the Creation,
We were not a single nation.
Nobody was living here
So not a useful observation. *(Get on with it. Editor)*

2. Roman arrival,
Perturbation.
In 'Gallic Wars' find information.
Read in Latin or in translation.

3. Dark Ages next brought degradation?
Not true! Great art and intellectualisation,
(Most people could not read or write and what about famine and plague? Editor)
Monastic fervour, self-flagellation,
Then light returned due to electrification. *(Is this correct? Editor)*

4. The Middle Ages-Henrification,
Six of them, much duplication,
Some Edwards and Richards for alternativisation. *(Does this word really exist?)*
No Garys or Waynes? Needs variation. *(This is getting silly. Editor)*

5. Two more Henrys then feminisation.
Two Queens and early colonisation.
Bagpipes and haggis, Scottishisation. *(This word definitely does not exist. Editor)*
One beheading, Stuart elimination.

6. Germanic kings, a rude awakening,
Parliamentary expectation,
Scientific exploration,
More than a glimpse of modernisation. *(This sounds a bit better. Editor. Keep it up!)*

7. Nineteenth century Industrialisation,
Penny Post and Decimalisation *(Latter completely erroneous. You will say anything for a rhyme, won't you?)*
Urbanisation, Representation
But Dickens exposed much exploitation. *(This line has been sponsored by the Charles Dickens Literary Appreciation Society. To join see our website).*

8. WWI,WW2, excuse abbreviation,
Great Depression, Nuclear Proliferation.
But NHS and wider education
So a good time to be born? Argument needs thorough investigation/clarification.
(I think we need a proper historian here. David Starkey? Unfortunately on the naughty step at the moment. David Olusoga? He's good but if you don't want a

David try that nice little Lucy Worsley. Editor)

9. After centuries of struggle, confusion and fuss

Ends our proud nation ignominiously thus?

Cameron, Johnson, May and Liz Truss,

We once ruled an Empire,

Now we're under a bus. *(This is getting a bit political – was this written by someone else? And it is NOT a quatrain. Editor. Author's reply: Well if Shakespeare could plagiarise and break the rules then why can't I?)*

10. Are you losing concentration?

We've had too much versification. *(Yes, indeed we have. Editor).*

Key words now? Vaccination? Fuel poverty and high inflation? Food banks and pared-down Coronation?

Growing sense of desperation? (Exaggeration? *Editor*)