



The Larkin Trail

- 1 **Royal Hotel**
Larkin enjoyed many a visit and would often lunch in its subterranean restaurant.
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Larkin's poem 'Friday Night in the Royal Station Hotel' was first published by the Sheffield Morning Telegraph, and later in his collection High Windows.
- 3 **Inside Paragon Interchange**
Larkin captured one of his more memorable departures from Paragon Station in his celebrated 1958 poem, 'The Whitsun Weddings'.
- 4 **The City Hall**
Here he could indulge his passion for jazz as the venue played host to many of the greats. Some of Larkin's own work was performed here too, as

- 5 **Whitefriargate & Marks & Spencer**
A little way down, on your left, you reach Marks & Spencer - Larkin's 'Large Cool Store'. You can find a copy of his poem 'finished in a terrific hurry' inside the shop just by the lift.
- 6 **Land Of Green Ginger**
In the days when Larkin frequented this area most pubs closed at 10.30pm. and streetlights in some parts of the city centre were then switched off; by 10.45pm.
- 7 **Trinity Square**
This is an area with which Larkin was very familiar.

- 8 **The Pier & Waiting Room**
Larkin's trips would have been on one of the three paddle steamers that went back and forth to New Holland in Lincolnshire from the 1930s and 40s until the opening of the Humber Bridge in 1981.
- 9 **High Street & Ye Olde Black Boy**
One of Larkin's favourite pubs. Here in 1977 he gave a talk on clarinettist Pee Wee Russell and played a selection of his records to the Hull Jazz Record Society.
- 10 **The White Hart**
Another of the Old Town pubs favoured by Larkin.
- 11 **Hull History Centre**
Offers a wonderful opportunity to discover more about Larkin.