

The ghostly lady of Bruce Castle

William Compton's home, in Henry's reign,
once residence of Barons of Coleraine.
Their Coat of Arms high on North face,
long since, 'till now, its wall has graced.

Constantia, wife of Henry Hare,
from high clock tower, was said to dare,
to fling herself, with babe in arm,
with anguished cry, to fatal harm.

Lady of Bruce Castle, so distracted,
gained notoriety for her deed enacted
Despairing shriek heard from the past,
tormented sound, November blast.

In 1827 Rowland Hill's school existed,
Today museum, Grade 1 listed.
Sir Rowland, Headmaster, Penny Post of fame,
outstanding teacher, won great acclaim.
Progressive, plan, conceived and hatched,
not by cane, or strap was one boy lashed.

Bruce Castle, Haringey's star attraction,
Lordship house, resplendent mansion.
Free exhibitions, tours and talks,
Tudor tower, once home of hawks

Local history, from Roman finds,
Changing folk of many kinds.
In parkland neat, museum set,
Green Flag award, achievement met.

Henry Jacobs 2014

