Literary London: Imagining the City

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Roman and Medieval London
LONDON
Modern London: Millenium Bridge, St. Paul’s, The City
The City
The City: Modern Map
Roman Londinium—about 200 AD
Julius Caesar’s British Invasions—54 BC
Julius Caesar at Londinium Wall
Claudius Caesar
Invades Britain 43 AD
... with War Elephants!
Roman Conquest of Britain 43-83 AD

Londinium founded 47 AD
Boadicea’s/Boudicca’s War
60 AD
London Burnt
Boadicea Statue, Westminster
Buried under Kings Cross Station?
... near Platform 9 ¾’s
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London Wall Fragment
London Wall
Near the Tower
layers from the 2nd to 18th Centuries
Roman Wall, Barbican
MITHRAS, God of the Morning, our trumpets waken the Wall!
'Rome is above the Nations, but Thou art over all!
Now as the names are answered, and the guards are marched away,
Mithras, also a soldier, give us strength for the day!

Mithras, God of the Noontide, the heather swims in the heat,
Our helmets scorch our foreheads; our sandals burn our feet.
Now in the ungirt hour; now ere we blink and drowse,
Mithras, also a soldier, keep us true to our vows!

Mithras, God of the Sunset, low on the Western main,
Thou descending immortal, immortal to rise again!
Now when the watch is ended, now when the wine is drawn,
Mithras, also a soldier, keep us pure till the dawn!

Mithras, God of the Midnight, here where the great bull dies,
Look on Thy children in darkness. Oh take our sacrifice!
Many roads Thou hast fashioned: all of them lead to the Light,
Mithras, also a soldier, teach us to die aright!

Rudyard Kipling, "Hymn to Mithras"
“In London, to Mogontius” (AD 70)
Mithraeum...
Marble tauroctony (Rome, 2\textsuperscript{nd} century AD); in British Museum
Tauroctony (Arles) with zodiac
Mithraeum in Santa Prisca, Rome
The Crystal Cave

MARY STEWART
"A Song to Mithras"

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Mithraic Latin Liturgy

Closing of the temple
A song to Mithras by Rudyard Kipling (an excerpt)

Mithras, solis deus petetis mare uesperitum
descendens immortalis, immortalis resurrectur!
iam post vigilias, iam parato uino,
Mithras, quoque miles, salua nos aurorae!
Mithras, media nocte deus, cadente Tauro,
uide nos nocturnos, filios tuos, placatus.
uias multas fecisti: ducunt ad lucem omnes.
Mithras, quoque miles, doceas nos recte mori!

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Instruments used
Carynx (horn)
Clay Rattle
Clay Horn
Langland’s and Chaucer’s London
14th Century
The Tower of London, c. 1090
The Original Tower of London: The White Tower
The Moat of the Tower
The Temple, Circular Crusader Church 1185
... and its later extension
Southwark Cathedral from the Shard
Southwark Cathedral Foundations
1212 (as St. Mary’s Church)
Interior of Southwark Cathedral
Charterhouse Monastery
1371
Old London Bridge
1209-1831
Old St. Paul’s Cathedral
1087-1666
City of Westminster: Westminster Abbey

1065
Chaucer’s Tomb, Poets’ Corner Westminster Abbey 1400