

it remains unclear whether Peterson offers foundations any surer than the skeptical roots of modern dysfunction. The Christian, the conservative, the Aristotelian, or the traditionalist would do well to follow the advice of Peterson's sixteenth-century predecessor: consider the excellent parts of *12 Rules for*

*Life*, yet take care to evaluate them according to a more rigorous standard.

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## The Shambles

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William Logan

The station at York curved  
like a broken back, the flooded  
river tumbling under the ghost  
of the old bridge. In foxed plates,

a nest of beams propped up  
ramshackle houses lining the arches.  
We searched for something not missing,  
that long-ago fall we wound our way

north minster by minster  
to that fell country whose signposts  
marked the rune stones. Every village boasted  
a thatched windmill or tipped-over ruin.

Those were our compass points,  
not the unfamiliar colors of the money  
or the signs shouting COURAGE.  
Even the birds rang out barbarian notes.