Cheruscan

Ancient Rites

Chill the air, although only September Silent the woods as in deep slumber Here in Germania, slain by Cheruscan hand The glory of Rome has come to an end Gaul on its knees, under Jupiters reign This side of the Rhine, still Wodon's domain For noble Arminius is Germanic again Romes' mighty eagle received with disdain Altars erected where three legions stood None escaped oblivion, silent the Teutoburg wood Scattered bodies all over, captured standards as a sign Heads nailed to the trees, symbols of decline Germania! Midst the battle the governor fell Fell by his very own hand Romans took their last desperate stand "Future emperor Tiberius, do not cross the Rhine On this natural border Rome should draw its line" Symbol of preservation, of Germania's freedom Saved the untamed land of the Northern Heathen Emperor Augustus by his loss driven to despair: "Give me back my legions! Oh Varus, I do declare!"