

## Am I a Viking?

Vikings ruled England  
ruthless seaborne invaders  
planting seeds and genes

English called them “Danes”  
before Normans brought surnames  
and standard spelling

what are my Norse roots?  
“Dana” traced five hundred years  
to medieval time

Danes changed history  
by their bold expeditions  
and seafaring ways

but my soft nature  
seems less warlike Viking than  
peaceful Norwegian



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