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Magna Via, also known as the Wakefield Gate, was the old route between Halifax and Wakefield. Part of that path, between Lower and Upper Place Farm, is Dark Lane, an ancient holloway which fell out of use following the construction of turnpike roads in the 18th and early 19th centuries. Sunken by the footfall of time, it lies three to four metres deep.

My photographs were taken within the holloway on a fine Sunday morning towards the end of February, on a slow and peaceful walk up and down the path. Secluded, and for the most part silent, it was a welcome refuge from the outside world.

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