

A Poem Of Underground Wall

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F C Dm C
The last train is nearly due,
Am E7 Am
The underground is closing soon,
F C Dm C
And in the dark deserted station
Am E7 Am
Restless in anticipation,
F C F C G Am
A man waits in the shadows.

F C Dm C
His restless eyes leap and scratch,
Am E7 Am
At all that they can touch or catch,
F C Dm C
And hidden deep within his pocket,
Am E7 Am
Safe within his silent socket,
F C F C G Am
He holds a colored crayon.

F C Dm C
Now from the tunnel s stony womb,
Am E7 Am
The carriage rides to meet the groom,
F C Dm C
And opens wide and welcome doors,
Am E7 Am
But he hesitates, then withdraws
F C Am
Deeper in the shadows.

And the train is gone suddenly
C
On wheels clicking silently
F Em Dm
Like a gently tapping lita-ny,
Am
And he holds his crayon rosary
F C Am
Tighter in his hand.

F C Dm C
Now from his pocket quick he flashes

Am E7 Am
The crayon on the wall he slashes,

F C Dm C
Deep upon the advertising,

Am E7 Am
A single worded poem comprised

F C
Of four letters.

F C Dm C
And his heart is laughing, screaming, pounding,

Am E7 Am
The poem across the tracks rebounding

F C Dm C
Shadowed by the exit light

Am E7 Am
His legs take their ascending flight

F C Am E7 Am
To seek the breast of darkness and be suckled by the night.