

The M T A Song
The Kingston Trio

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{title:The MTA Song}
{st:Jacqueline Steiner & Bess Hawes}
[G]Now let me tell you of the story of a [C]man named Charlie
On a [G]tragic and fateful [D7]day.
He put [G]ten cents in his pocket, kissed his [C]wife and family,
And went to [D7]ride on the M[G]TA.

[tab]{C:Chorus:}
[G]Well did he ever return? No he [C]never returned,[/tab]
And his [G]fate is still unle[D7]arned.
He may [G]ride forever neath the [C]streets of Boston,
He s the [G]man who [D7]never ret[G]urned.

Charlie handed in his dime at the Kendell Square station,
And he changed for Jamaica Plain.
When he got there the conductor told him, "One more nickel."
Charlie couldn t get off that train.

{C:Chorus.}

Now all night long Charlie rides through the station
Crying, "What will become of me?
How can I afford to see my sister in Chelsea,
Or my cousin in Roxbury?"

{C:Chorus.}

Charlie s wife goes down to the Scolla Square station
Every day at a quarter past two.
And through the open window she hands Charlie a sandwich
As the train comes rumbling through.

{C:Chorus.}

Now you citizens of Boston, don t you think it s a scandal
How the people have to pay and pay?
Fight the fare increase, vote for Walter O Brien,
And get Charlie off the MTA.

[tab] {C:Chorus.}
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