

MTA Song

These are the times that try men's souls. In the course of our nation's history, the people of Boston have rallied bravely whenever the rights of man have been threatened. Today, a new crisis has arisen. The Metropolitan Transit Authority; better known as the M.T.A. is attempting to levy a burdensome tax on the population in the form of a subway fare increase. Citizens, hear me out. This could happen to you!

Well let me [G] tell you a story 'bout a [C] man named Charlie
On a [G] trag-ic and fate-ful [D7] day
He put [G] ten cents in his pock-et, kissed his [C] wife and family,
Went to [G] ride on the [D7] M.T. [G]A.

CHORUS

Well, did he [G] ever return no he [C] never returned
And his [G] fate is [D] still un[D]learned
He may [G] ride forever 'neath the [C] streets of Boston
He's the [G] man who [D7] nev-er re-[G] turned

Char-lie [G] handed in his dime at the [C] Kendall Square Station,
Made a [G] change for Ja[D]maica [D7]Plains
When he [G] got there the conductor told him [C] One more nickel!
Char-lie [G] could-n't get [D7] off that [G] train **CHORUS**

Now [G] all night long Char-lie [C] rides through the the sta-tion
Crying, [G] "What will be-come [D] of [D7]me
How [G] can I af-ford to see my [C] sist-er in Chel-sea
Or my [G] cous-in in [D7] Roxbu[G]ry? **CHORUS**

Charlie's [G] wife goes down to the [C] Scu lley Square Station
Every [G] day at quarter [D] past [D7] two
And [G] through the op-en window she hands
[C] Charlie a sandwich as the [G] train goes [D7] rumblin [G] through **CHORUS**

Now you [G] citizens of Boston don't you [C] think it's a scandal
How the [G] people have to pay [D] and [D7] pay
Fight the [G] fare in-crease Vote for [C] George O' Brian
Get poor [G] Charlie off the [D7] M. T. [G]A.

LAST CHORUS & ENDING

Or he'll [G] never return no he'll [C] never return
And his [G] fate is [D] still un[D]learned
He may [G] ride forever 'neath the [C] streets of Boston
He's the [G] man who [D7] nev-er re-[G] turned
He's the [G] man who [D7] nev-er re-[G] turned
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