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Charlie on the MTA



Baritone

Well, let me tell you the story of a man named Charlie

On a tragic and fateful day

He put ten cents in his pocket, kissed his wife and family

Went to ride on the M.T.A.

Well, did he ever return, no he never returned and his fate is still un-learn'd

He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston, he's the man who never re-turned

Charlie handed in his dime at the Kendall 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

But, did he ever return, no he never returned and his fate is still un-learn'd

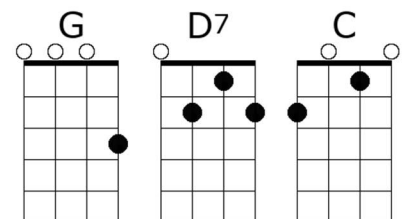
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Now all night long Charlie rides through the tunnels crying

"What will become of me?"

How can I afford to see my sister in Chelsea

Or my cousin in Roxbur-y?"



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Charlie's wife goes down to the Scollay Square station

Every day at quarter past two

And through the open window she hands Charlie a sandwich

As the train comes rumblin' through

Well, did he ever return, no he never returned and his fate is still un-learn'd

He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston, he's the man who never re-turned

Now ye 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 George O'Brien

Get poor Charlie off the M.T.A.

Or else he'll never return, no he'll never return and his fate is still un-learn'd

He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston, he's the man who never re-turned

He's the man who never re-turned!

He's the man who never re-turned!

