

The MTA (Massachusetts Transit Authority)

by The Kingston Trio

Revisions by Lew Toulmin for bari uke, with a new verse 11/2020; Strum: DUDU

Intro: **C F G7 C**

[C] Let me tell you all a story, of a [F] man named Charlie
On a [C] tragic & fateful [G7] day
He put [C] 10 cents into his pocket, kissed his [F] wife and family
Went to [C] ride on the [G7] M.T.[C] A.

CHORUS: [C] But did he ever return? No, he [F] never returned,
And his [C] fate it's still un-[G7]learned
He may [C] ride forever 'neath the [F] streets of Boston
He's the [C] man who [G7] never re-[C]turned

[C] Charlie handed in his dime at the [F] Kendall Square Station
And he [C] changed for Jamaica [G7] Plain
When he [C] got there the conductor told him "[F] One more nickel"
Charlie [C] couldn't get [G7] off that [C] train **CHORUS**

Now [C] all night long Charlie [F] rides through the stations
Saying, "[C] What will become of [G7] me?
How can [C] I afford to see my [F] sister in Chelsea
Or my [C] cousin in [G7] Roxbu-[C]ry?" **CHORUS**

[C] Charlie's wife goes down to [F] Scollay Square Station
Every [C] day at a quarter past [G7] two
And [C] through the open window she hands [F] Charlie a sandwich
As the [C] train comes [G7] rumblin' [C] through **CHORUS**

[C] Now you citizens of Boston, don't you [F] think it is a scandal
That the [C] people have to pay and [G7] pay
Fight the [C] fare increase, vote for [F] George O'Randall
And get [C] Charlie off the [G7] M.T.[C] A. **CHORUS**

Single:

[C] Charlie's wife, she joined him on that [F] train under Boston
And they [C] had a big [G7] family!
After [C] 60 years of riding [F] their great grand-children
All [C] cry out their [G7] desperate [C] plea! **LAST CHORUS:**

[C] But did they ever return? No, they [F] never returned,
And their [C] fate is still un-[G7] learned
They may [C] ride forever 'neath the [F] streets of Boston
They're [C] the clan that [G7] never re-[C]turned

He's the [C] man who [G7] never re-[C]turned. So long, Charlie...