

MTA SONG (JACQUELINE STEINER AND BESS HAWES)

G **C**
Let me tell you of the story of a man named Charlie

G **D**
On this tragic and fateful day

G **C**
He put ten cents in his pocket kissed his wife and family

G **D** **G**
Went to ride on the MTA.

Chorus:

But did he ever return? no, he never returned
And his fate is still unlearned
He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston
He's the man who never returned

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 (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?" (Chorus)

Charlie's wife goes down to the Scully Square Station
Every day at a quarter past two
And through the open window she hands Charlie a sandwich
As the train comes rumblin' through (Chorus)

Now you citizens of Boston, don't you think it is a scandal
That the people have to pay and pay?
Fight the fare increase, vote for George O'Brien
And get poor Charlie off the M.T.A. (Chorus)