

# M.T.A.

(The Kingston Trio)

## Intro:

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Now let me tell you of 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

And went to ride on the MTA

## Chorus 1:

Well 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 offa that train

## Chorus 2:

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

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?"

## Repeat Chorus 2

Charlie's wife goes down to the Scoll 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

## Repeat Chorus 2

## Solo:

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G D7  
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G D7 G  
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G

C

Now you citizens of Boston, don't you think it's a  
scandal

G

D7

How the people have to pay and pay?

G

C

Fight the fare increase, vote for George O'Brien

D7

G

And get Charlie off the MTA

## Chorus 3:

G

C

Or else he'll never return, no he'll never return

G

D7

And his fate is still unlearned

G

C

He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston

G

D7

G

He's the man who never returned

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D7

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He's the man who never returned

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D7

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He's the man who never returned

**Note:** Capo II for Kingston Trio version