

Kingston Trio

"M.T.A."

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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 men have been threatened

Today a new crisis has arisen
The Metropolitan Transit Authority, better known as
they MTA
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 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
Went to ride on the MTA

Well, did he ever return?
No he never returned and his fate is still unlearned
He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston
And 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 of that train

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?"

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's wife goes down to the Sculley Square station
Every day at quarter past two
And through the open window she hands Charlie a
sandwich
As the train comes rumbling through

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
Pick it Davey, kind of hurts my fingers

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'Brian
Get poor Charlie off the MTA

Or else he'll never return
No he'll never return and his fate is still unlearned
He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston
He's the man who never returned

He's the man who never returned
He's the man who never returned
He's the man who never returned
Ain't you, Charlie?

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