MTA Song - Kingston Trio



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 the 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!

[C] Now let me tell you a story 'bout a [F] man named Charlie On this [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.

[C] But did he ever return? No, he [F] never returned, And his [C] fate is still un-[G7]learned (What a pity) 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

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



Now [C] all night long Charlie [F] rides through the station 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?"

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

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

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

[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'Brien And get [C] Charlie off the [G7] M.T.[C] A.!

[C] But did he ever return?
No, he [F] never returned, and his [C] fate is still un-[G7]learned (just like Paul Revere)
He may [C] ride forever 'neath the [F] streets of Boston
He's the [C] man who [G7] never re-[C]turnedx2
(Et tu Charlie?)