

INTRO:  
C/F/G7//C

**MTA: The Man Who Never Returned**  
Lyrics by Jacqueline Steiner and Bess Lomax Hawes

<p>C</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Let me tell you of a story of a</li> <li>2. Charlie handed in his dime at the</li> <li>3. All night long Charlie</li> <li>4. Charlie's wife goes down to the</li> <li>5. Now, you citizens of Boston, don't you think it's a scandal</li> </ol>	<p>F</p> <p>man named Charlie Kendall Square station, rides through the station, Scollay Square station</p>
--	---

<p>C</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On a tragic and fateful day;</li> <li>2. And he changed for Jamaica Plain.</li> <li>3. Crying, "What will become of me?"</li> <li>4. Every day at quarter past two.</li> <li>5. How the people have to pay and pay?</li> </ol>	<p>G7</p>
---	-----------

C

1. He put ten cents in his pocket,
2. When he got there the conductor,
3. How can I afford
4. Through the open window
5. Fight the fare increase,

F

1. Kissed his wife and family,
2. Told him, "One more nickel."
3. To see my sister in Chelsea
4. She hand Charlie a sandwich
5. Vote for Walter O'Brien<sup>1</sup>!

<sup>1</sup>1948 Progressive Party candidate for Mayor. The name was changed in the Kingston Trio recordings to dissociate the song from O'Brien who had been tarred with Joe McCarthy's brush as a socialist.

<p>C</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Went to ride on the</li> <li>2. Charlie couldn't get</li> <li>3. Or my cousin in</li> <li>4. As the train comes</li> <li>5. Get poor Charlie off the</li> </ol>	<p>G7 / C</p> <p>M. T. A. off of that train. Rox bu ry?" rumb ling through. M. T. A.</p>
--	--

REFRAIN:

C

- 1-4. But did he ever return?
5. Or else he'll never return,

F

- 1-4. No, he never returned,
5. No, he'll never return,

<sup>2</sup>Spoken:

1. (What a pity!)
2. (Poor old Charlie!)
3. (Shame and scandal!)
4. (He may ride forever...)
5. (Just like politicians!)

C G7 tacit

And his fate is still unlearned.<sup>2</sup>

C F

He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston,

C G7 C

He's the man who never returned.

END:

C C F F G7 G7 G7 C

He's the man who never returned.