

## Metro: The Man Who Never Arrived

Lyrics\* by Geo. McCalip © 2010

To the tune of The MTA

[spoken over soft strum]

C F  
You may have heard a tale about a guy named Charlie,  
C G7  
On a Massachusetts morn,  
C F  
And how he went to ride on the Boston subway,  
C G7 C  
Only to never return.

[sung]

C F  
But this song's about Charlie's grandson, Larry,  
C G7  
Who had gone out to L.A.,  
C F  
Where he bought a bus pass to just ride on Metro.  
C G7 C  
It was good for the whole day.

CHORUS:

C  
But did he ever arrive?  
F C G7  
No he never arrived, and we pray he's still alive.  
C F  
He may wait forever on the streets of L.A.  
C G7 C  
He's the man who never arrived.

They charged Larry two dollars just to buy a TAP Card,  
Plus six more for the full day fare.  
What the heck, thought Larry, when he plunked his cash down  
Surely Metro'll get me there.

CHORUS

Larry took his pass down to the Metro bus stop  
Where he stood to wait and wait.  
And it's no surprise to you Metro riders  
To learn Larry's bus was late.

CHORUS

Boarding with his TAP Card, when at last the bus came,  
Larry headed out across town.  
But they hadn't even made it three short blocks  
When that old Metro bus broke down.

[OPTIONAL BREAKDOWN]

A | ---0-----0320-3532753333----0320-----  
E | -0---0-11----3-----11-----0--  
C | 0-----0-----00-----0-20  
G | --0-0-----0-----

CHORUS

[*slow*] It was well after sundown Larry still was riding  
[*slower*] And you know he was getting tired  
[*very slow*] When the bus finally showed up for his one last  
transfer  
[*quick*] Larry's day pass had expired.

CHORUS

Well at least in Boston, since trains run on schedule,  
Charlie's wife could bring him food.  
But if you depend on the promptness of Metro,  
Well, amigo, you're just screwed.

CHORUS

C            F            G7            C  
He's the man who never arrived.  
[*spoken*]  
Pray for Larry!  
[follow with strummed C chord]

\*With apologies to Jacqueline Steiner and Bess Lomax Hawes  
and no apology to L.A.'s own MTA, a.k.a. Metro.