**Charlie on the M.T.A**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7Jw_v3F_Q0> [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E\_8FOLnTzFI**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_8FOLnTzFI)

C F

Let me tell you of a story 'bout a man named Charlie

C G7

On a tragic and fateful day.

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He put ten cents in his pocket, kissed his wife and family,

C G7 C

Went to ride on the M T A.

**CHORUS  
 C F**

**But will he ever return? No he'll never return,**

**C G7**

**And his fate is still unlearned.**

**C F**

**He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston,**

**C G7 C**

**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 could not get off that train.

**CHORUS**

Now all night long Charlie rides through the tunnels   
Saying, "What will become of me?   
How can I afford to see my sister in Chelsea   
Or my cousin in Roxbury?"   
 **CHORUS**  
Charlie's wife goes down to the Scollay Square station   
Every day at quarter past two   
And through the open window she hands Charlie a sandwich   
As the train comes rumblin' through.   
 **CHORUS**

Now you 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 Michael Curley

Get poor Charlie off the M T A!