

## The Kingston Trio

## The MTA

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

C G7  
On a tragic and fateful day.

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

C G7 C  
Went to ride on the M T A.

**Cho:**

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.

C F  
Charlie handed in his dime at the Scully Square  
Station,

C G7  
And he changed for Jamaica Plain.

C F  
When he got there the conductor told him, "One more  
nickel!"

C G7 C  
Charlie couldn't get off of that train.

**Cho:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=MbtkL5\\_f6-4&list=RDMbtkL5\\_f6-4&start\\_radio=1&t=0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbtkL5_f6-4&list=RDMbtkL5_f6-4&start_radio=1&t=0)

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C F  
Now all night long Charlie rides through the  
stations,

C G7  
Crying, "What will become of me?

C F  
How can I afford to see my sister in Chelsey,

C G7 C  
Or my brother in Roxbury?"

**Cho:**

C F  
Charlie's wife goes down to the Scully Square  
Station,

C G7  
Every day at a quarter past two.

C F  
And through the open window she hands Charlie his  
sandwich

C G7 C  
As the train goes rumbling through.

**Cho:**

C F  
Now you citizens of Boston, don't you think it's a  
scandal,

C G7  
How the people have to pay and pay?

C F  
Fight the fare increase, vote for George O'Brien,

C G7 C  
Get poor Charlie off the M T A! **Cho**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M.T.A.\\_\(song\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M.T.A._(song))

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