

C.I.A.

(A parody of M.T.A., a 1949 song by Jacqueline Steiner and Bess Lomax Hawes, popularized when covered by the Kingston Trio in 1959. Lyrics and arrangement by and © 2015 Kenneth D. Brown, W2KB <> Prepared for the ConCertino 2015 Northeast Filk Music Convention songbook <http://www.nefilk.us/>)

Intro:

G G
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Now let me tell you a story of a man named
Charlie
On a most patriotic day
He did some research, left his friends and
family
And went to join the C.I.A.

Chorus 1:

G C
Well did he ever return? No he never returned
G D7
And his fate is still unlearned
G C
He may spy forever in the war against terror
G D7 G
He's the man who never returned

G C
Charlie purchased his ticket at the Bagdad
station
G D7
And he departed for the Tehran plain
G C
When he got there he found his cover blown
D7 G
Charlie couldn't get offa that train

Repeat Chorus 1

G C
Now all night long Charlie hides in the station
G D7
Wondering "What will become of me?"
G C
How can I escape to the border of Iran,
D7 G
Or to the Caspian Sea?"

Repeat Chorus 1

G C
The Mossad goes down to the Tehran station
G D7
Every night at a quarter past two
G C
And in a hidden alcove leaves Charlie his
rations
D7 G
Until his escape plan comes through.

Repeat Chorus 1

Solo:

G C G D7
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G C G D7 G
| + + + + | + + + + | + + + + | + + + + |

G C
Now you citizens of Fandom, don't you think
it's a scandal
G D7
How the wars go on day after day?
G C
Like Pete Seeger, fight with your songs and
music
D7 G
And get Charlie outa the C.I.A.

Chorus 2:

G C
Or else he'll never return, no he'll never return
G D7
And his fate is still unlearned
G C
He may hide forever in the streets of Tehran
G D7 G
He's the man who never returned
G D7 G
He's the man who never returned
G D7 G
He's the man who never returned

Note: Capo II for Kingston Trio version

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