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And through the open window she hands Charlie a sandwich, as the train comes rumbling through

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Fight the fare increase, vote for George O'Brian, get poor Charlie off the M.T.A.

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