

A Poem On The Underground Wall

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Intro: C - C/B - G - G - G/F# - Em

C C/B G G G/F# Em
The last train is nearly due, the underground is closing soon,
C C/B G G G/F# Em
And in the dark deserted station, restless in anticipation,
C C/B G G - G/F# - Em
A man waits in the shadows.

C C/B G G G/F# Em
His restless eyes leap and scratch, at all that they can touch or catch,
C C/B G G G/F# Em
And hidden deep within his pocket, safe within his silent socket,
C C/B G G - G/F# - Em
He holds a colored crayon.

C C/B G G G/F# Em
Now from the tunnel's stony womb, the carriage rides to meet the groom,
C C/B G G G/F# Em
And opens wide and welcome doors, but he hesitates, then withdraws
C C/B G Em
Deeper in the shadows.

Em D
And the train is gone suddenly, on wheels clicking silently
C Am Em Am
Like a gently tapping litany, and he holds his crayon rosary
C G Em
Tighter in his hand.

C C/B G G G/F# Em
Now from his pocket quick he flashes, the crayon on the wall he slashes,
C C/B G G G/F# Em
Deep upon the advertising, a single-worded poem comprising
C C/B G G - G/F# - Em
Four letters.

C C/B G
And his heart is laughing, screaming, pounding,
G G/F# Em
The poem across the tracks rebounding,
C C/B G G/F# Em
Shadowed by the exit light, his legs take their ascending flight
C C/B G G/F# Em
To seek the breast of darkness and be suckled by the night.