

Notion of Commotion

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1. Rush Hour Rumble

Cha-ka cha cha-ka, Cha-ka cha cha-ka
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Rushing to the train - People in the way
I will be late - Look at the time - Can't hesitate
Run - Jump - Push - Shove - Look at the time!

Cha-ka cha cha-ka, Cha-ka cha cha-ka
Cha-ka cha cha-ka, Cha-ka cha cha-ka

Please stand clear - Excuse me! - Please stand clear - Excuse me!
Clear of the closing doors - I'll miss the train - The closing doors - Please hold the door - Agh!!

Cha-ka cha cha-ka, Cha-ka cha cha-ka
Cha-ka cha cha-ka, Cha-ka cha cha-ka

Standing on the train - In an underground maze
Stations passing by right before my eyes
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Fifty-ninth - Forty-second - Thirty-fourth - The great count down to when I get off!

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Packed in like sardines - Like sardines
Please stand clear - Excuse me! - Please stand clear - Excuse me!
Clear of the closing doors - I can't get off - The closing doors
Too many people - All in the way - Too many people - All in the way
Too many people - All in the way - Many people - In the way - Many people - In the way - Agh!

Five million people - Every week - Twisting and turning - Every day
Over three hundred million miles every year!
I can really use a break from this human headache
My wheels are very sore why not stay home?
Why not stay home? - Rush Hour Rumble!

Cha-ka cha cha-ka, Cha-ka cha cha-ka
Cha-ka cha cha-ka, Cha-ka cha cha-ka

Rushing to the train - People in the way
We will be late - I need a break - Can't hesitate - From this headache
Run - Jump - Stay - Push - Shove - Home!
Look at the time! - I need a break! - Look at the time! - Millions of miles each year!

S: Stations passing by right before my eyes - Stations passing by right before my eyes - Stations passing by
A: Rushing to the train - People in my way - In an underground maze
T: Excuse me! - Excuse me! - Excuse me! - Excuse me!
B: Five million people - Millions of miles - Twisting and turning - This human headache - I need a break

Run - Jump - Push - Shove - Look at the time!
Cha-ka cha cha-ka, Cha-ka cha cha-ka, Cha-ka cha cha-ka, Cha!

2. Subterra Nocturna

Ah... Ah... Ah...

Silence - echoes - in the darkness

Silence whispers

Silence whispers softly into the night - Ah...

Distant footsteps echoing, echoing, echoing

Voices - from afar...

Catacombs of steel and earth, steel and earth

Catacombs of steel and earth, steel and earth!

Iron worm holes weave a labyrinth, weave a labyrinth!

Gleaming white eyes, distant pearls of hypnotizing fiery spheres are!

Now approaching - What a silvery segmented slinking serpent!

Silence

This creaking cavern howling with the ghost of time

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What do I hear? It is so near! What do I fear? Only what's here!

Hidden under streets above, a ton of rock, just like a grave!

Serenity - as a breathless sleep descends

This nocturnal void...beautiful, eerie, weary yet comforting

Oh! Darkness my friend!

Blanket me with your shadowy fingers - Ah...

But this beast of metal rules the underground, its sunken lair

So now it falls like a gentle kiss!

Silence - like a siren's song echoes

Alone, it calls

Silence

3. The Silver Streak

Uptown, Downtown - Queens-bound, Bronx-bound

Shuffling along into the night

A Train, B Train (Get on!) - C Train, D Train (Get off!)

Twisting and turning in its flight

Got to catch these trains going to everywhere!

Got to catch these trains racing from here to there!

Brooklyn-bound train - Manhattan-bound train

Sleeplessly toiling out of sight, all night!

Ta-ka Ta-ka Ta, Ta-ka Ta-ka Ta, Ta-ka Ta-ka

Ta-ka Ta-ka Ta, Ta-ka Ta-ka Ta, Ta-ka Ta-ka

Speeding by - In a flash - ZOOM! - A silver streak

Vanishing - In a blur - WOOSH! - Below the street

Ta-ka Ta-ka Ta, Ta-ka Ta-ka, Ta-ka Ta Ta, Ta-ka Ta!

Underground the shuffle never stops!

Speeding by - in a flash - ZOOM! - a silver streak
Vanishing - in a blur - WOOSH! - below the street, a silver streak!

Twenty-three, Thirty-four, Forty-second, Fifty-nine
Sixty-six, Eighty-six, Ninety-six - Whizzing by!
Twenty-eight, Thirty-third, Forty-second, Fifty-one
Sixty-eight, One-o-three, One-sixteen - Whizzing by!

So we go into the nightly dance a-swaying to and fro
Holding on to metal bars in cars of man-made industry
New York City Subway on Saturday night!

We must take this local, express! - Swipe card!
Turnstiles churning their arms in gear-like time!

Get on, get off! - Transfer, next stop! On time!
As we go shuffling along into the night
Into the night - Into the night

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So we go into the nightly dance a-swaying to and fro
Holding on to metal bars in cars of man-made industry
New York City Subway on Saturday night!
Beneath the trains run 'round the clock!

Uptown, Downtown - Queens-bound, Bronx-bound
Shuffling along into the night

1 Train, 2 Train (Get on!) - 3 Train, 4 Train (Get off!)
Twisting and turning in its flight

Got to catch these trains going to everywhere!
Got to catch these trains racing from here to there!

Brooklyn-bound train - Manhattan-bound train
Sleeplessly toiling out of sight!

(Transfer here) Uptown, Downtown - (Transfer Here) Queens-bound, Bronx-bound
Stand clear of the closing doors please!
(Transfer here) A Train, B Train - (Transfer here) 1 Train, 3 Train
Stand clear of the closing doors please!

Down the stairs we all descend into the pulsing arteries of noisy rumbling life!

Trains and people step to the beat
Clanging, swinging beneath the street
Pulling, pushing in rhythmic time
Trains and people wrapped in a maze!

Trains and people clanging, swinging, pulling, pushing
Twenty four hours from darkness to daylight!

Uptown, Downtown all the the year 'round
Shuffling along into the nigh - *Ta-ka, Ta-ka, Ta-ka Ta!*