

Toorak Tram

Words & music: Bernard Bolan

C **G** **C**
It's half-past five in Flinders Street – there's tension in the air
G **C**
Girls with curls and cultured pearls are tearing out their hair
F
Whilst men with charm and outward calm begin to cuss and damn
A_b **G**
Then with a roar they push and pour onto the Toorak tram

C
REFRAIN: And it's "Right down the middle, please! Hold on tight!
Dm
Get out your money now and stop the fight!"
C **G** **F** **C**
For it's kick and kill and bash and bite
G **C**
On the Toorak tram on a Friday night.

C **G** **C**
Once aboard the points are scored by those of nimble feet
G **C**
A three-yard dash and a dive, and crash! you've won yourself a seat
F
Now, quickly take your paper out and study ev'ry word
A_b **G**
Don't lift your face! You've lost your place to an ancient crippled bird!

C
REFRAIN: And it's "Right down the middle, please! Hold on tight!
Dm
Get out your money now and stop the fight!"
C **G** **F** **C**
For it's maim and murder, smash and smite
G **C**
On the Toorak tram on a Friday night.

C **G** **C**
It seems to be it's always me whose fate it is to meet
G **C**
Someone whose behind requires three-quarters of the seat
F
With muscles clenched I hover there determined not to fall
A_b **G**
My time will come...! I'll twitch my bum and knock him through the wall!

C
REFRAIN: And it's "Right down the middle, please! Hold on tight!
Dm
Get out your money now and stop the fight!"
C **G** **F** **C**
It's a four-mile ride and a ten-round fight
G **C**
On the Toorak tram on a Friday night.

C **G** **C**
 For those who cannot get a seat and have to stand instead

G **C**
 We'll stop the tram at Chapel Street and carry out the dead

F
 And here is an announcement: "Please, be careful where you stand –

A \flat **G**
 Last time we stopped the driver dropped his artificial hand!"

C
REFRAIN: And it's "Right down the middle, please! Hold on tight!

Dm
 Get out your money now and stop the fight!"

C **G** **F** **C**
 It's "Abide With Me", "Lead, Kindly Light"

G **C**
 On the Toorak tram on a Friday night.

C **G** **C**
 One more bend and that's the end — a merciful relief!

G **C**
 Time to re-arrange your clothes and try to find your teeth

F
 Don't forget your broly and be sure to wink your eye

A \flat **G**
 When pushing past that little lass that works at A.C.I.

C
REFRAIN: And it's "Right down the middle, please! Hold on tight!

Dm
 Get out your money now and stop the fight!"

C **G** **F** **C**
 For it's winking and thinking that perhaps she might...!

G **C**
 On the Toorak tram on a Friday night

C **G** **F** **C** (*hold & pause*)
 Winking and thinking that perhaps she might...!

C **G** **C**
 On the Toorak tram on a Friday night

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Bernard Bolan (1973)

VERSE

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 men with charm and out - ward calm be - gin to cuss and damn Then
 with a roar they push and pour on - to the Too - rak tram And it's
 "Right down the mid - dle, please! Hold on tight! Get out your mon - ey now and stop the fight!" For it's
 kick and kill and bash and bite On the Too - rak tram on a Fri - day night

REFRAIN

2. Once aboard the points are scored by those of nimble feet
 A three-yard dash and a dive, and crash! you've won yourself a seat
 Now, quickly take your paper out and study ev'ry word
 Don't lift your face! You've lost your place to an ancient crippled bird! REFRAIN * (+ tag)
 * *For it's maim and murder, smash and smite* *

3. It seems to be it's always me whose fate it is to meet
 Someone whose behind requires three-quarters of the seat
 With muscles clenched I hover there determined not to fall
 My time will come...I'll twitch my bum and knock him through the wall! REFRAIN * (+ tag)
 * *It's a four-mile ride and a ten-round fight* *

4. For those who cannot get a seat and have to stand instead
 We'll stop the tram at Chapel Street and carry out the dead
 And here is an announcement: "Please, be careful where you stand –
 Last time we stopped the driver dropped his artificial hand!" REFRAIN * (+ tag)
 * *It's "Abide With Me", "Lead, Kindly Light"* *

5. One more bend and that's the end — a merciful relief!
 Time to re-arrange your clothes and try to find your teeth
 Don't forget your broly and be sure to wink your eye
 When pushing past that little lass that works at A.C.I. REFRAIN * (+ tag)
 * *For it's winking and thinking that perhaps she might...!* * Repeat last 2 lines to end