

# SnapRead!

People go underground to ride the subway. Some people work underground. They sell papers at the newsstand. They sell donuts at the donut shop. Some people play music for money. This was new to Stella.

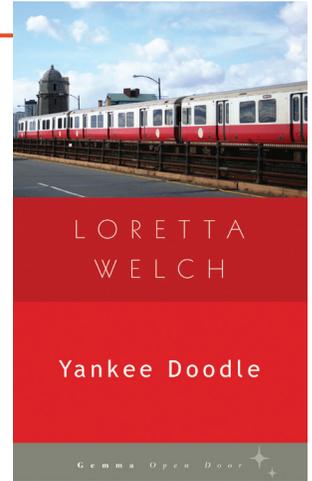
People waiting for the train gave entertainers money. Some musicians had posters. Some sold CDs. Stella loved the old violin man on the Blue Line. She dropped coins in Blonde Bob's case. That is what she called the tall Texan. He played the accordion and made people laugh.

The most famous stop on the Red Line is Harvard Square. Once, Stella got out on her way home. She wandered around the brick buildings. She looked in bookstores. She wanted a cup of coffee. It was too expensive. She watched people play chess.

People performed on the street. They stood in front of shops. Stella thought they were very brave. She saw people juggle, dance, sing, and do magic. She wished she had money to give them. Some were very good. Maybe they would be famous! One night, a couple performed in the Park Street station. They were very young. The boy had red hair. He wore jeans and a jacket from a suit. His eyes twinkled. He played the guitar. When he sang, the sound was like the radio. It was round and sweet. He was not from America.

A dark-haired girl was next to him. She had curly waves down to her shoulders. She wore many bangles on her arm. She sang quietly. Her eyes were soft. Maybe she was in love. Maybe she was scared of the big city. The boy and the girl sang for money. They sang for each other. Stella saw them smile.

She thought about the boy and the girl for a long time.



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