

# Home for *Shabbes*

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*The subway cars are rolling  
And folks are heading home  
It's Friday afternoon, the week is done  
As my companions squeeze past, doorward  
I know they're looking forward  
To a weekend's worth of R&R and fun  
But when Jewish riders leave the car behind  
There's something very different on their mind —*

*Shabat shalom, shabat shalom  
It's home we must be getting  
We're late for an important date  
The sun is almost setting.*

*Shabat shalom, shabat shalom  
We really must be going  
We have to bless the lights before  
The evening star is showing.*

*We're doctors, lawyers, teachers,  
tailors  
Sellers and investors  
But tomorrow we will all be  
Grateful *shabis* resters*

*Shabat shalom, we're going home  
The place will soon be humming  
The table's spread, the wine is poured  
The whole *mishpokhe's* coming.*

*It's time for *shul* and candles  
And a little peace and quiet  
And maybe just for *shabis*  
We'll forget about the diet—*

*We'll eat *gefilte* fish and *chrayn*  
Roast chicken, *farfel kugelakh*  
Potato *knishes*, carrot *tsimmes*  
Angel cake and *rugelakh**

*Shabat shalom, shabat shalom  
I love those *shabis* dishes  
If anyone's my favourite  
I would say *gefilte* fish is!*

*So bless the candles and the wine  
You *bobelakh* and *zeydelakh*  
Sing *zmires* round the table  
All you *yingelakh* and *meydelakh*—*

*Shabat shalom, shabat shalom  
The best of *shabis* wishes  
A day of rest, a day of peace  
And lots of love and *knishes*.*