

SOUTHEAST PASSAGE
(Parody of "Northwest Passage" by Stan Rogers)

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I drive to work at 6 am in 20 minutes flat
But going home at 3 pm takes five times more than that
I know if I search hard enough I'll find the secret course
To quickly reach my home on Quincy's shores

Starting from Deer Island there is but a single way
Through Winthrop and East Boston where the race track ponies play
Heading towards the harbor soon there is no way to switch
When I decide the tunnel—NOT THE BRIDGE!

Chorus:

I will try and try 'til I find the Southeast Passage
To get from work in Winthrop to my home on Quincy Bay
There's one secret road that goes through the heart of Boston
It's not that damned Expressway--no way!

For a fleeting moment I think I could take the T
'Cause public transportation helps you live progressively
But it's a bus to a train... to a train... to a train... and to another bus
Three hours gone still waiting in the dust

Chorus

Suddenly I see it there; the road no one can find
I've tapped myr mystic vision; yes, the others have been blind
An empty road's orgasmic; and I've found it now!, Oh, God!
But it's only that fake tunnel to Cape Cod.

Chorus x 2 + tag

(Driving home from work... one more time... going south through Boston I recalled this song of exploration from the great Stan Rogers...
Or...Paul McCartney told me not to be a name dropper, but Pete Seeger said it was OK to change the words to a song so that it works for you. So here goes...)

Verse:
F C G Am
F C Dm G
F C G Am
Dm F G G

Chorus:
C G F Am
F C Dm G
C G F Am
F C G G