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British English 

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Make a phonemic (broad) transcription of the following passage:

1. Shaw once wrote to Churchill:
2. “Here are two tickets for the first night of my new play.
3. One for yourself and one for a friend – if you have one.”
4. Churchill replied:
5. “Dear Bernard, I’m sorry, but a previous engagement prevents me from accepting your kind offer.
6. However, I shall come to the second night — if there is one.”



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/ˈtʃɜːtʃɪl ən ˌʃɔː./

1. / ˌʃɔː ˈwʌns ˈrəʊt | tə ˌtʃɜːtʃɪl./
2. / ˌhɪər | ə ˈtuː ˌtɪkɪts | fə ðə ˈfɜːst ˌnaɪt | əv ˌmaɪ ˌnjuː ˈpleɪ./
3. / ˈwʌn | fə jə ˌself | ən ˈwʌn | fər ə ˈfrend |? ɪf ju ˌhæv wʌn./
4. / ˌtʃɜːtʃɪl rɪ ˌplaɪdː /
5. /dɪə ˈbɜːnəd | aɪm ˌsɒri | bət ə ˈprɪːviəs ɪŋ ˌgeɪdʒmənt | prɪˈvents ˈmi | frəm ə ˌkseptɪŋ | jɔː ˈkaɪnd ˌɒfə./
6. /haʊ ˈevə | aɪ ʃəl ˈkʌm | tə ðə ˈsekənd naɪt — ɪf ðeər ˌɪz wʌn./

