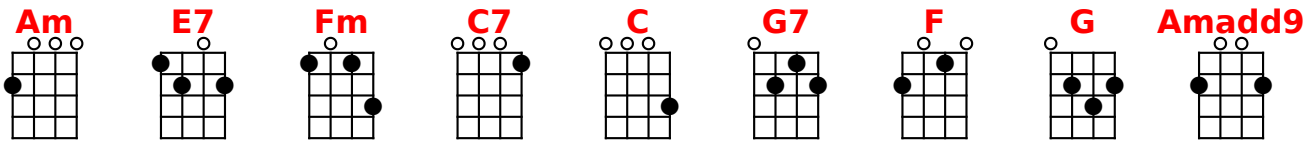


Istanbul (not Constantinople)

By Jimmy Kennedy and Nat Simon, 1953



(Alternative to **[Am]** **[E7]** is **[Fm]**, **[C7]**)

Kazoo intro: **[Am]** **[E7]** **[Am]** **[E7]**

[Am] Istanbul was Constantinople,
 Now it's **[Am]** Istanbul, not Constantinople
 Been a **[E7]** long time gone, old Constantinople
 It's Tur**[Am]**kish delight on a **[E7]**moonlit night

[Am] Every gal in Constantinople lives in Istanbul,
 Not **[Am]** Constantinople
 So if **[E7]** you've a date in Constantinople,
[E7] She'll **[Am]** be waiting in **[E7]** Istan **[Am]**bul

Even **[Am]** old **[E7]** New **[Am]** York
 Was **[Am]** once New **[E7]** Amster**[Am]**dam
[E7] Why they changed it I can't say,
[Am] People just liked it **[E7]** better that way

So, **[Am]** take me back to Constantinople,
 No, **[Am]** you can't go back to Constantinople
 Now it's **[E7]** Istanbul, not Constantinople,
 Why did **[Am]** Constantinople get the **[E7]** works?
 That's **[E7]** nobody's business but the **[Am]** Turks.

Spoken:
 Play that ukulele and play it hot-
 it's Moe Zart's Turkey Trot!

Kazoo:
[Am] (8) **[E7]** (8) **[Am]** (8) **[E7]** (8) repeat
[C] **[G7]** **[C]** **[G7]** **[Am]** **[E7]** **[Am]** **[E7]**
[F] **[C]** **[E7]** **[Am]**

C-O-**[C]** N-S-T-**[G]** A-N-T-I-**[F]** N-O-P-L-**[G]** ople
 C-O-**[C]** N-S-T-**[G]** A-N-T-I-**[F]** N-O-**[G]** P-L-**[C]** E x2

So **[Am]** take me back to Constantinople,
 no **[Am]** you can't go back to Constantinople
 Now **[E7]** it's Istanbul, not Constantinople,
 why did **[Am]** Constantinople get the **[E7]** works?
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NC IS-TAN-**[Amadd9]** BUL! (hold two beats)

Kazoo-jazzy version of the verse just sung:
 So, **[Am]** take me back to Constantinople,
 No, **[Am]** you can't go back to Constantinople
 Now **[E7]** it's Istanbul, not Constantin**[Am]** ople, **[E7]** x2
 why did **[Am]** Constantinople get the **[E7]** works?
 That's **[E7]** nobody's business but the **[Am]** Turks.

[Amadd9] (hold)