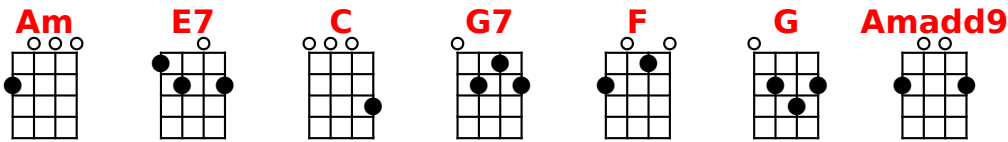


# Istanbul (not Constantinople)

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**[Am] [E7] [C] [G7] [F]**

(alternative 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 **[E7]** 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 Constanti**[Am]**nople,  
**[E7]** She'll **[Am]** be waiting in Istanbul

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

So, **[Am]** take me **[Am]** back to Constantinople,  
No, **[Am]** you can't go back to Constantinople  
Now **[E7]** it's Istan**[E7]**bul, not Constanti**[Am]**nople,  
Why did **[Am]** Constantinople get the works?  
That's **[E7]** nobody's busi**[Am]**ness but the 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] [Am] [F] [C] [E7] [Am]**  
**[Am]**(8) **[E7]** (8) **[Am]** (8) **[E7]** (8) **[Am]** (8) **[E7]** (8)  
**[C] [G7] [Am] [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 works?  
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**NC** IS-TAN-**[Amadd9]** BUL! (hold)

Kazoo-jazzy version of the verse just sung:  
So, **[Am]** take me back to Constantin**[Am]**ople,  
No, **[Am]** you can't go back to Constantinople  
Now **[E7]** it's Istan**[E7]**bul, not Constanti**[Am]**nople,

why did **[Am]** Constantinople get the works?  
That's **[E7]** nobody's busi**[Am]**ness but the Turks.  
**[Amadd9]** (hold)