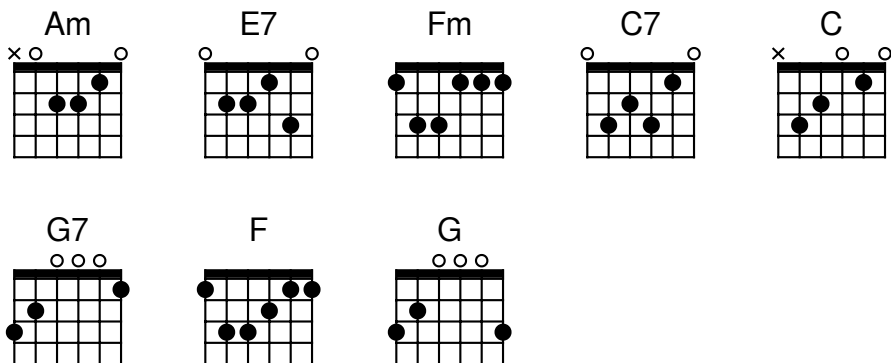


# Istanbul (not Constantinople)

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(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?  
That's [E7] nobody's business but the [Am] Turks.  
[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)