

# Istanbul, (Not Constantinople)

1953

The Four Lads

lyrics by Jimmy Kennedy

music by Nat Simon

**[Em]** Istanbul was Constantinople,  
now it's Istanbul, not Constantinople  
Been a **[B7]** long time gone, old Constantinople  
Now it's **[Em]** Turkish delight on a **[B7]** moonlit **[Em]** night

Every gal in Constantinople lives in Istanbul, not Constantinople  
So if **[B7]** you've a date in Constantinople,  
she'll be **[Em]** waiting in **[B7]** Istan **[Em]** bul

Even old New York, was once New Amsterdam  
**[B7]** Why they changed it I can't say,  
**[Em]** people just **[B7]** liked it **[Em]** better that way

So take me back to Constantinople,  
no you can't go back to Constantinople  
Now it's **[B7]** Istanbul, not Constantinople,  
why did **[Em]** Constantinople get the works?  
That's **[B7]** nobody's business but the **[Em]** Turks

