

Istanbul – They Might Be Giants

Verse 1:

Am
Istanbul was Constantinople, now it's Istanbul, not Constantinople
E7 Am
Been a long time gone, old Constantinople - Now it's Turkish delight on a moonlit night
Am
Every gal in Constantinople lives in Istanbul, not Constantinople
E7 Am E7 Am
So if you've a date in Constantinople, she'll be waiting in Istanbul

Chorus 1:

Am E7 Am E7 Am
Even old New York was once New Amsterdam
E7 Am E7
Why they changed it I can't say, people just liked it better that way
Am
So take me back to Constantinople, no you can't go back to Constantinople
E7 Am E7
Been a long time gone, Constantinople, why did Constantinople get the works?
(tacit) Am
That's nobody's business but the Turks

Kazoo/whistle break: (to tune of Verse 1)

Chorus 2:

Am E7 Am E7 Am
Even old New York was once New Amsterdam
E7 Am E7
Why they changed it I can't say, people just liked it better that way
Am
So take me back to Constantinople, no you can't go back to Constantinople
E7 Am E7
Been a long time gone, Constantinople, why did Constantinople get the works?
(tacit) Am
That's nobody's business but the Turks

Verse 2:

Am
So take me back to Constantinople, no you can't go back to Constantinople
E7 Am E7
Been a long time gone, Constantinople, why did Constantinople get the works?
(tacit - slowly) Am
That's nobody's business but the Turks
Am-----
Istan - BULLLLLL!!!!