

## **Ella Fitzgerald**

### **"Let's Take A Walk Around The Block"**

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I never traveled further North than old Van Courtland  
Park  
and never further South than the aquarium  
I've seen the charm of Jersey City, but first let me  
remark  
I saw it from the empire state solarium

But we've been putting nickels in the postal savings  
bank  
and when those nickels pile up, we can toddle off in  
swank  
and I don't mean an ordinary cook's tour  
I mean a cabin de-luxe tour

Someday we'll go places  
New lands and new faces  
The day we quit punching the clock  
The future looks pleasant,  
But at present  
Let's take a walk around the block.

You're just the companion  
I want at Grand Canyon  
for throwing old blades down the rock  
The money we have'll go for travel  
Meantime, let's walk around the block.

Gangway, we'll begin  
When our ship comes in  
I'll sit on your lap  
All over the map

To London in May time  
To Venice in play time  
To Paris in time for a frock  
To Boston in bean time  
Darling, meantime  
Let's take a walk around the block.

(bridge)

In Winter at Christmas,  
We'll visit the isthmus  
And see how they lock up a lock  
And then in Caracas, on a jackass,  
We'll take a ride around the block.

We'll keep to our promise,  
To visit St. Thomas  
And then at Jamaica we'll dock  
The prospect is thrilling,  
Still I am willing,  
Just now to walk around the block.

Onward, to Cathay  
Then to Mandalay  
Boom on to Bangkok  
P'r'aps Vladivostok

We'll send the folks cables  
Accumulate labels  
Buy souvenirs till we're in hock  
But since we are flat in old Manhattan  
Let's take a walk around the block.

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