

## Four Lads

### "Istanbul"

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Istanbul (Not Constantinople)

-Artists: The Four Lads  
-peak Billboard position # 10 in 1953  
-Words by Jimmy Kennedy and Music by Nat Simon

Istanbul was Constantinople  
Now it's Istanbul not Constantinople  
Been a long time gone  
Old Constantinople's still has Turkish delight  
On a moonlight night

Evr'y gal in Constantinople  
Is a Miss-stanbul, not Constantinople  
So if you've date in Constantinople  
She'll be waiting in Istanbul

Even old New York was once New Amsterdam  
Why they changed it, I can't say  
(People just liked it better that way)

Take me back to Constantinople  
No, you can't go back to Constantinople  
Now it's Istanbul, not Constantinople  
Why did Constantinople get the works?  
That's nobody's business but the Turks'

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