

## Whatsitsname?

In Tsarist Russia it seemed clever  
To name the city on the Neva  
After a leader smart and straight  
Whom history dubbed Peter the Great.

But when the revolution came  
They quickly moved to change the name:  
From Petersburg to Petrograd;  
The Reds rejoiced, the Whites were sad.

The Bolsheviks then dipped a pen in,  
And changed again to honor Lenin.  
But post the Communist's defeat,  
Once more the town is called St. Pete.

Byzantium stood in Asia Minor.  
Metropolis; there was none finer.  
It challenged Rome for prominence  
And lost its name as recompense.

Great Constantine brought Pax Romana  
So its old name became a goner.  
To leave his mark as any Pope'll  
He called the place Constantinople

But later on things grew quite murky  
They changed the country's name to Turkey.  
And since the Muslims had more pull  
They called the city Istanbul.

In India in days gone by  
There was a city called Mumbai.  
But when new rulers had their say  
They introduced the name Bombay.

But all is well in Rajah-land.  
The old name's back and ain't that grand.  
Although someone was heard to mutter  
"I hear they may rename Calcutta."