

Give It Back to the Indians

Ella Fitzgerald

Old Peter Minuet had nothing to lose when he bought the isle of
Manhattan
For twenty-six dollars and a bottle of booze and they threw in
the Bronx and Staten
Pete thought that he had the best of the bargain but the poor red
man just grinned,
And he grunted "ugh!" meaning okay in his jargon for he knew poor
Pete was skinned.
We've tried to run the city....but the city ran away...
And now Peter Minuet
We can't continue it...

Broadway's turning into Coney,
Champagne Charlie's drinking gin,
Old New York is new and phony
Give it back to the Indians!

Two cents more to smoke a Lucky,
Dodging busses keep you thin,
Now New York is simply ducky,
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Blues down in Wall Street losing hope..
Big bargain today...Chief take it away!

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