

First We Take Manhattan
Leonard Cohen

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[Capo 8] or transpose +8 to get tone of recording

[Intro]

Ebm	%	**Bbm**	%
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Ebm	%	**Bbm**	%
G#	%	**F#**	%

[Verse 1]

Ebm **Bbm**
They sentenced me to twenty years of boredom
Ebm **Bbm**
For trying to change the system from within
Ebm **Bbm**
I m coming now I m coming to reward them
G# **F#** **F** **Bbm**
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Verse 2]

Ebm **Bbm**
I m guided by a signal in the heavens
Ebm **Bbm**
I m guided by this birthmark on my skin
Ebm **Bbm**
I m guided by the beauty of our weapons
G# **F#** **F** **Bbm**
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Chorus]

C# **G#** **F#**
I d really like to live beside you, baby
C# **Bbm**
I love your body and your spirit and your clothes
C# **Bbm**
But you see that line there moving through the station
G# **F#** **F** **Bbm**
I told you I told you, told you I was one of those

[Verse 3]

Ebm **Bbm**
You loved me as a loser but now your worried that I just might win
Ebm **Bbm**
You know the way to stop me but you don t have the discipline
Ebm **Bbm**
How many nights I prayed for this: to let my work begin

G# **F# F** **Bbm**
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Bridge]

Ebm **Bbm**
I don t like your fashion business, mister

Ebm **Bbm**
I don t like these drugs that keep you thin

Ebm **Bbm**
I don t like what happened to your sister

G# **F# F** **Bbm**
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Chorus]

C# **G# F#**
I d really like to live beside you, baby

C# **Bbm**
I love your body and your spirit and your clothes

C# **Bbm**
But you see that line there moving through the station

G# **F# F** **Bbm**
I told you I told you, told you I was one of those

[Verse 4]

Ebm **Bbm**
And I thank you for those items that you sent me

Ebm **Bbm**
The monkey end the plywood violin

Ebm **Bbm**
I practiced every night now I m ready

G# **F# F** **Bbm**
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Verse 5]

Ebm **Bbm**
Remember me, I used to live for music

Ebm **Bbm**
Remember me, I brought your groceries in

Ebm **Bbm**
It s Father s Day and everybody s wounded

G# **F# F** **Bbm**
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin