

First We Take Manhattan
Leonard Cohen

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

[Intro]

Cm	%	Gm	%
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F	%	Eb	%

[Verse 1]

 Cm Gm
They sentenced me to twenty years of boredom
 Cm Gm
For trying to change the system from within
 Cm Gm
I m coming now I m coming to reward them
 F Eb D Gm
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Verse 2]

 Cm Gm
I m guided by a signal in the heavens
 Cm Gm
I m guided by this birthmark on my skin
 Cm Gm
I m guided by the beauty of our weapons
 F Eb D Gm
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Chorus]

 Bb F Eb
I d really like to live beside you, baby
 Bb Gm
I love your body and your spirit and your clothes
 Bb Gm
But you see that line there moving through the station
 F Eb D Gm
I told you I told you, told you I was one of those

[Verse 3]

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

F **Eb D** **Gm**
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Bridge]

Cm **Gm**
I don t like your fashion business, mister
Cm **Gm**
I don t like these drugs that keep you thin
Cm **Gm**
I don t like what happened to your sister
F **Eb D** **Gm**
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[Chorus]

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

[Verse 4]

Cm **Gm**
And I thank you for those items that you sent me
Cm **Gm**
The monkey end the plywood violin
Cm **Gm**
I practiced every night now I m ready
F Eb D **Gm**
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Verse 5]

Cm **Gm**
Remember me, I used to live for music
Cm **Gm**
Remember me, I brought your groceries in
Cm **Gm**
It s Father s Day and everybody s wounded
F Eb D **Gm**
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin