

First We Take Manhattan
Leonard Cohen

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

[Intro]

| C#m | % | G#m | % |
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| F# | % | E | % | Eb | % G#m

[Verse 1]

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

[Verse 2]

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

[Chorus]

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

[Verse 3]

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

F# **E Eb** **G#m**
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[Bridge]

C#m **G#m**
I don t like your fashion business, mister
C#m **G#m**
I don t like these drugs that keep you thin
C#m **G#m**
I don t like what happened to your sister
F# **E Eb** **G#m**
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[Chorus]

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

[Verse 4]

C#m **G#m**
And I thank you for those items that you sent me
C#m **G#m**
The monkey end the plywood violin
C#m **G#m**
I practiced every night now I m ready
F# **E Eb** **G#m**
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[Verse 5]

C#m **G#m**
Remember me, I used to live for music
C#m **G#m**
Remember me, I brought your groceries in
C#m **G#m**
It s Father s Day and everybody s wounded
F# **E Eb** **G#m**
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