

First We Take Manhattan
Leonard Cohen

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

[Intro]

Em	%	**Bm**	%
Em	%	**Bm**	%
Em	%	**Bm**	%
A	%	**G**	%

[Verse 1]

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

[Verse 2]

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

[Chorus]

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

[Verse 3]

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

A **G F#** **Bm**
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[Bridge]

Em **Bm**
I don t like your fashion business, mister

Em **Bm**
I don t like these drugs that keep you thin

Em **Bm**
I don t like what happened to your sister

A **G F#** **Bm**
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[Chorus]

D **A G**
I d really like to live beside you, baby

D **Bm**
I love your body and your spirit and your clothes

D **Bm**
But you see that line there moving through the station

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

[Verse 4]

Em **Bm**
And I thank you for those items that you sent me

Em **Bm**
The monkey end the plywood violin

Em **Bm**
I practiced every night now I m ready

A **G F#** **Bm**
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Verse 5]

Em **Bm**
Remember me, I used to live for music

Em **Bm**
Remember me, I brought your groceries in

Em **Bm**
It s Father s Day and everybody s wounded

A **G F#** **Bm**
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin