

## The Future

Leonard Cohen

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[Intro]

**Am**

[Verse 1]

**Dm**  
Give me back my broken night, my mirrored room, my secret life  
**G6** **E7** **Am**  
it s lonely here, there s no one left to torture

**Dm**  
Give me absolute control over every living soul  
**G6** **Am**  
And lie beside me baby, that s an order!

**Dm**  
Give me crack an anal sex, take the only tree that s left  
**G6** **E7** **Am**  
and stuff it up the hole in your culture

**Dm**  
Give me back the Berlin Wall, give me Stalin and St. Paul  
**G6** **E7** **Am**  
I ve seen the future, brother: it is murder.

[Chorus]

**Dm** **C**  
Things are gonna slide (slide) in all directions  
**Dm** **C**  
Won t be nothing (won t be) nothing you can t measure anymore.  
**Dm** **F**  
The blizzard, the blizzard of the world has crossed the threshold  
**Fm** **C**

and it has overturned the order of the soul

**G**

When they said (they said) REPENT (repent) REPENT (repent)

**Am**

I wonder what they meant

**G**

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**Am**

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**G**

When they said (they said) REPENT (repent) REPENT (repent)

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[Verse 2]

(same chords as first)

You don t know me from the wind, you never will, you never did  
I m the little jew who wrote the bible  
I ve seen nations rise and fall, I ve heard their stories, heard them all  
but love s the only engibe of survival  
Your servant here he has been told to say it clear to say it cold:  
It s over, it ain t going any further  
And now the wheels of heaven stop, you feel the devil s riding crop  
Get ready for the future: it is murder.

[Chorus]

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**C**

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[Verse 3]

There ll be the breaking of the ancient western code

**Dm**

Your private life will suddenly explode

**Am**

There ll be phantoms, there ll be fires on the road

**F7**

**E**

and the white man dancing

**Am**

You ll see your woman hanging upside down

**Dm**

her features covered by her fallen gown

**Am**

and all the lousy little poets coming around

**F7**

**E**

trying to sound like Charlie Manson

**Am**

and the white man dancing

**Dm**

Give me back the Berlin Wall, give me Stalin and St. Paul

**G6**

**E7**

**Am**

Give me Christ or give me Hiroshima

**Dm**

Destroy another fetus now, we don t like children anyhow

**G6**

**E7**

**Am**

I ve seen the future, baby: it is murder.

[Chorus]

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(end on **Am**)

Chords:

	EADGBE
<b>Am:</b>	X02210
<b>C:</b>	X32010
<b>Dm:</b>	XX0231
<b>E7:</b>	030100
<b>F:</b>	133211
<b>Fm:</b>	133111
<b>F7:</b>	131211
<b>G:</b>	320003
<b>G6:</b>	320000