

The Future

Leonard Cohen

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[Intro]

Bbm

[Verse 1]

Ebm
Give me back my broken night, my mirrored room, my secret life
G#6 **F7** **Bbm**
it s lonely here, there s no one left to torture
Ebm
Give me absolute control over every living soul
G#6 **Bbm**
And lie beside me baby, that s an order!
Ebm
Give me crack an anal sex, take the only tree that s left
G#6 **F7** **Bbm**
and stuff it up the hole in your culture
Ebm
Give me back the Berlin Wall, give me Stalin and St. Paul
G#6 **F7** **Bbm**
I ve seen the future, brother: it is murder.

[Chorus]

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

and it has overturned the order of the soul

G#

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

Bbm

I wonder what they meant

G#

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

Bbm

I wonder what they meant

G#

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

Bbm

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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]

Ebm

C#

Things are gonna slide (slide) in all directions

Ebm

C#

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Ebm

F#

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[Verse 3]

There ll be the breaking of the ancient western code

Ebm

Your private life will suddenly explode

Bbm

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

F#7

F

and the white man dancing

Bbm

You ll see your woman hanging upside down

Ebm

her features covered by her fallen gown

Bbm

and all the lousy little poets coming around

F#7

F

trying to sound like Charlie Manson

Bbm

and the white man dancing

Ebm

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

G#6

F7

Bbm

Give me Christ or give me Hiroshima

Ebm

Destroy another fetus now, we don t like children anyhow

G#6

F7

Bbm

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

[Chorus]

Ebm

C#

Things are gonna slide (slide) in all directions

Ebm

C#

Won t be nothing (won t be) nothing you can t measure anymore.

Ebm

F#

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I wonder what they meant

G#

Bbm

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(end on **Bbm**)

Chords:

EADGBE

Bbm: X02210
C#: X32010
Ebm: XX0231
F7: 030100
F#: 133211
F#m: 133111
F#7: 131211
G#: 320003
G#6: 320000