

The Future

Leonard Cohen

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[Intro]

Gm

[Verse 1]

Give me back my broken night, my mirrored room, my secret life
F6 **D7** **Gm**
it s lonely here, there s no one left to torture

Cm
Give me absolute control over every living soul
F6 **Gm**
And lie beside me baby, that s an order!

Cm
Give me crack an anal sex, take the only tree that s left
F6 **D7** **Gm**
and stuff it up the hole in your culture

Cm
Give me back the Berlin Wall, give me Stalin and St. Paul
F6 **D7** **Gm**
I ve seen the future, brother: it is murder.

[Chorus]

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

and it has overturned the order of the soul

F

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

Gm

I wonder what they meant

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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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[Verse 3]

There ll be the breaking of the ancient western code

Cm

Your private life will suddenly explode

Gm

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

Eb7 **D**

and the white man dancing

Gm

You ll see your woman hanging upside down

Cm

her features covered by her fallen gown

Gm

and all the lousy little poets coming around

Eb7 **D**

trying to sound like Charlie Manson

Gm

and the white man dancing

Cm

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

F6 **D7** **Gm**

Give me Christ or give me Hiroshima

Cm

Destroy another fetus now, we don t like children anyhow

F6 **D7** **Gm**

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

[Chorus]

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(end on **Gm**)

Chords:

EADGBE

Gm: X02210

Bb: X32010

Cm: XX0231

D7: 030100

Eb: 133211

Ebm: 133111

Eb7: 131211

F: 320003

F6: 320000