

The Future

Leonard Cohen

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[Intro]

G#m

[Verse 1]

C#m
Give me back my broken night, my mirrored room, my secret life
F#6 **Eb7** **G#m**
it s lonely here, there s no one left to torture
C#m
Give me absolute control over every living soul
F#6 **G#m**
And lie beside me baby, that s an order!
C#m
Give me crack an anal sex, take the only tree that s left
F#6 **Eb7** **G#m**
and stuff it up the hole in your culture
C#m
Give me back the Berlin Wall, give me Stalin and St. Paul
F#6 **Eb7** **G#m**
I ve seen the future, brother: it is murder.

[Chorus]

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

and it has overturned the order of the soul

F#

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

G#m

I wonder what they meant

F#

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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

C#m

Your private life will suddenly explode

G#m

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

E7

Eb

and the white man dancing

G#m

You ll see your woman hanging upside down

C#m

her features covered by her fallen gown

G#m

and all the lousy little poets coming around

E7

Eb

trying to sound like Charlie Manson

G#m

and the white man dancing

C#m

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

F#6

Eb7

G#m

Give me Christ or give me Hiroshima

C#m

Destroy another fetus now, we don t like children anyhow

F#6

Eb7

G#m

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

[Chorus]

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(end on **G#m**)

Chords:

EADGBE

G#m: X02210

B: X32010

C#m: XX0231

Eb7: 030100

E: 133211

Em: 133111

E7: 131211

F#: 320003

F#6: 320000