

**First We Take Manhattan**

**R.E.M.**

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FIRST WE TAKE MANHATTAN (Leonard Cohen)

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

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

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

**Dm** **Am**  
You loved me as a loser but now your worried that I just might win  
**Dm** **Am**

You know the way to stop me but you don't have the discipline

**Dm**

**Am**

How many nights I prayed for this: to let my work begin

**G**

**F E**

**Am**

First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

**Dm**

**Am**

I don't like your fashion business, mister

**Dm**

**Am**

I don't like these drugs that keep you thin

**Dm**

**Am**

I don't like what happened to your sister

**G**

**F E**

**Am**

First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin (chorus)

**Dm**

**Am**

And I thank you for those items that you sent me

**Dm**

**Am**

The monkey and the plywood violin

**Dm**

**Am**

I practiced every night and now I'm ready

**G**

**F E**

**Am**

First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

**Dm**

**Am**

Remember me, I used to live for music

**Dm**

**Am**

Remember me, I brought your groceries in

**Dm**

**Am**

It's Father's Day and everybody's wounded

**G**

**F E**

**Am**

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