

First We Take Manhattan

Leonard Cohen

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They [Gm] sentenced me to twenty years of [Dm] boredom
For [Gm] trying to change the system from [Dm] within
I'm [Gm] coming now I'm coming to [Dm] reward them
[C] First we take Man[Bb]hattan [A] then we take Berl[Dm]in
I'm [Gm] guided by a signal in the [Dm] heavens
I'm [Gm] guided by this birthmark [Dm] on my skin
I'm [Gm] guided by the beauty of our [Dm] weapons
[C] First we take Man[Bb]hattan [A] then we take Berl[Dm]in

Chorus:

I'd [F] really like to [Gm7] live beside you [C] baby [Bb]
I love your [F] body and your spirit and your [Dm] clothes
But you [F] see that line there moving through the [Dm] station
I [C] told you I [Bb] told you I [A] told you I was one of [Dm] those

You [Gm] loved me as a loser but now you're [Dm] worried that I just might win
You [Gm] know the way to stop me but you [Dm] don't have the discipline
How [Gm] many nights I prayed for this: to [Dm] let my work begin

[C] First we take Man[Bb]hattan [A] then we take Berl[Dm]in

[Gm] I don't like your fashion business, [Dm] mister
[Gm] I don't like these drugs that [Dm] keep you thin
[Gm] I don't like what happened to my [Dm] sister

[C] First we take Man[Bb]hattan [A] then we take Berl[Dm]in

(Chorus)

And I [Gm] thank you for those items that you [Dm] sent me
The [Gm] monkey and the plywood [Dm] violin

I [Gm] practised every night and now I'm [Dm] ready

[C] First we take Man[Bb]hattan [A] then we take Berl[Dm]in

[Gm] Remember me, I used to live for [Dm] music
[Gm] Remember me, I brought your [Dm] groceries in
It's [Gm] Father's Day and everybody's [Dm] wounded

[C] First we take Man[Bb]hattan [A] then we take Berl[Dm]in

