

First We Take Manhattan

Leonard Cohen

Em Am Em
They sentenced me to twenty years of boredom
Am Em
For trying to change the system from within
Am Em
I'm coming now, I'm coming to reward them
D C B Em
First we take Manhattan then we take Berlin.

I'm guided by the signal in the heaven
I'm guided by this birthmark on my skin
I'm guided by the beauty of our weapons
First...

G D
R: I'd really like to live beside you, baby
C G Em
I love your body and your spirit and your clothes
G Em
But you see that line there moving trough the station?
D C B Em
I told you, I told you, I told you I was one of those.

Am Em
Ah, you loved me as a loser, but now you're worried that I just might win
Am Em
You know the way to stop me, but you don't have the discipline
Am Em
How many nights I prayed for this to let my work begin
D C B Em
First we take Manhattan then we take Berlin

I don't like your fashion business, mister,
And I don't like these drugs that keep you thin
I don't like what happened to my sister
First...

R: I'd really...

And thank you for those items that you send me
The monkey and the plywood violin
I practice every night and now I'm ready
First...

I remember I used to live for music
Remember me, I brought you groceries in
Well, it's Father's Day, and everybody's wounded
First...