

# 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 end 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  
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin