

First We Take Manhattan

by Leonard Cohen

Key: Am

Capo: 8th fret (to achieve key of Fm)

[Intro]

Dm Am Dm Am Dm Am G F E Am

[Verse 1]

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

[Verse 2]

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

[Chorus]

C G F
I'd really like to live beside you, baby
G 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, told you I was one of those

[Verse 3]

Dm Am
You loved me as a loser but now you 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

[Verse 4]

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]

C **G** **F**
I'd really like to live beside you, baby
G **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, told you I was one of those

[Verse 5]

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 now I'm ready
G **F** **E** **Am**
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Verse 6]

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

[Outro]

A G Am
(Repeat and Fade Out)