

# First We Take Manhattan

by Leonard Cohen

Key: Em

Capo: 1<sup>st</sup> fret (to achieve key of Fm)

[Intro]

Em Bm Em Bm Em Bm A G F# Bm

[Verse 1]

Em Bm  
They sentenced me to twenty years of boredom  
Em Bm  
For trying to change the system from within  
Em Bm  
I'm coming now I'm coming to reward them  
A G F# Bm  
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Verse 2]

Em Bm  
I'm guided by a signal in the heavens  
Em Bm  
I'm guided by this birthmark on my skin  
Em Bm  
I'm guided by the beauty of our weapons  
A G F# Bm  
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Chorus]

D A G  
I'd really like to live beside you, baby  
A D Bm  
I love your body and your spirit and your clothes  
D Bm  
But you see that line there moving through the station  
A G F# Bm  
I told you, I told you, told you I was one of those

[Verse 3]

Em Bm  
You loved me as a loser but now your worried that I just might win  
Em Bm  
You know the way to stop me but you don't have the discipline  
Em Bm  
How many nights I prayed for this: to let my work begin  
A G F# Bm  
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Verse 4]

**Em** **Bm**  
I don't like your fashion business, mister  
**Em** **Bm**  
I don't like these drugs that keep you thin  
**Em** **Bm**  
I don't like what happened to your sister  
**A** **G** **F#** **Bm**  
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Chorus]

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

[Verse 5]

**Em** **Bm**  
And I thank you for those items that you sent me  
**Em** **Bm**  
The monkey end the plywood violin  
**Em** **Bm**  
I practiced every night now I'm ready  
**A** **G** **F#** **Bm**  
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Verse 6]

**Em** **Bm**  
Remember me, I used to live for music  
**Em** **Bm**  
Remember me, I brought your groceries in  
**Em** **Bm**  
It's Father's Day and everybody's wounded  
**A** **G** **F#** **Bm**  
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

[Outro]

**B** **A** **Bm**  
(Repeat and Fade Out)