

Field Commander Cohen
written by Leonard Cohen

Capo 5th fret

Intro: C

C G Bb
Field Commander Cohen, he was our most important spy
F
Wounded in the line of duty
Dm C Gm
Parachuting acid into diplomatic cocktail parties
Bb F Cm
Urging Fidel Castro to abandon fields and castles
Bb Dm
Leave it all and like a man
Bb Dm
Come back to nothing special
Am
Such as waiting rooms and ticket lines
Dm Am
Silver bullet suicides
Dm Am
And messianic ocean tides
Dm Am
And racial roller-coaster rides
Bb A /e (bass)
And other forms of boredom advertised as poetry

Bridge:

Bm D
I know you need your sleep now
A
I know your life's been hard
Bm D
But many men are falling
A
Where you promised to stand guard

C G Bb
I never asked but I heard you cast your lot along with the poor
F
But then I overheard your prayer
Dm
That you be this and nothing more
C Gm Bb
Than just some grateful faithful woman's favourite singing millionaire
F Cm Bb Dm
The patron Saint of envy and the grocer of despair
E A /e (bass)
Working for the Yankee Dollar

Bridge:

Bm D
I know you need your sleep now
A
I know your life's been hard
Bm D
But many men are falling
A
Where you promised to stand guard

C G Bb
Ah, lover come and lie with me, if my lover is who you are
F Dm
And be your sweetest self awhile until I ask for more, my child

