

First We Take Manhattan  
written by Leonard Cohen

Intro: A#m . . . | . . . . | Fm . . . | . . . . |  
 A#m . . . | . . . . | Fm . . . | . . . . |  
 A#m . . . | . . . . | Fm . . . | . . . . |  
 D# . . . | C# . . . | C7 . . . | . . . . |  
 Fm . . . | . . . . |

A#m Fm  
 They sentenced me to twenty years of boredom  
 A#m Fm  
 For trying to change the system from within  
 A#m Fm  
 I'm coming now, I'm coming to reward them  
 D# C# C7 Fm  
 First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

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

Chorus:

G# G#sus4 G# D# C#  
 I'd really like to live beside you, baby  
 D# G# G#sus4 G# Fm F#sus4 Fm  
 I love your body and your spirit and your clothes  
 G# G#sus4 G# Fm F#sus4 Fm  
 But you see that line there moving through the station?  
 D# C# C7 Fm  
 I told you, I told you, I told you, I was one of those

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

Chorus:

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

And I thank you for those items that you sent me  
 The monkey and the plywood violin  
 I practiced every night and now I'm ready  
 First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

Ah remember me, I used to live for music  
 Remember me, I brought your groceries in  
 Well it's Father's Day and everybody's wounded  
 First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

Guitarist friendly version

Capo 1st fret

Intro: Am . . . | . . . . | Em . . . | . . . . |  
 Am . . . | . . . . | Em . . . | . . . . |  
 Am . . . | . . . . | Em . . . | . . . . |  
 D . . . | C . . . | B7 . . . | . . . . |

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 B7 Em  
 First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

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Chorus:

G Gsus4 G D C  
 I'd really like to live beside you, baby  
 D G Gsus4 G Em Esus4 Em  
 I love your body and your spirit and your clothes  
 G Gsus4 G Em Esus4 Em  
 But you see that line there moving through the station?  
 D C B7 Em  
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