

The Future
written by Leonard Cohen

Chords:

G#dim: 456464 or xx0101

Intro: Am

Am
Give me back my broken night
Dm
My mirrored room, my secret life
G#dim
It's lonely here
E7 Am
There's no one left to torture
Am
Give me absolute control
Dm
Over every living soul
G#dim E7
And lie beside me, baby
Am
That's an order!

Give me crack and anal sex
Take the only tree that's left
And stuff it up the hole
In your culture
Give me back the Berlin wall
Give me Stalin and St. Paul
I've seen the future, brother:
It is murder

Chorus:

Dm C
Things are going to slide (slide) in all directions
Dm C
Won't be nothing (won't be), nothing you can measure anymore
Dm F
The blizzard, the blizzard of the world
F
Has crossed the threshold
Fm
And it has overturned
C
The order of the soul
G
When they said (they said) repent (repent), repent (repent)
Am
I wonder what they meant
G
When they said (they said) repent (repent), repent (repent)
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I wonder what they meant
G
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I wonder what they meant

You don't know me from the wind
You never will, you never did
I'm the little jew
Who wrote the Bible
I've seen the nations rise and fall
I've heard their stories, heard them all

But love's the only engine
Of survival

Your servant here, he has been told
To say it clear, to say it cold:
It's over, it ain't going
Any further
And now the wheels of heaven stop
You feel the devil's riding crop
Get ready for the future:
It is murder

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Am
There'll be the breaking of the ancient western code

Dm
Your private life will suddenly explode

Am
There'll be phantoms, there'll be fires on the road
F E7

And the white man dancing
Am

You'll see your woman hanging upside down
Dm

Her features covered by her fallen gown
Am

And all the lousy little poets coming round
F E7

Trying to sound like Charlie Manson
Am

Yeah the white man dancing

Give me back the Berlin wall

Give me Stalin and St. Paul

Give me Christ

Or give me Hiroshima

Destroy another fetus now

We don't like children anyhow

I've seen the future, baby:

It is murder

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