

The Old Revolution
written by Leonard Cohen

Intro: E

E A E
 I finally broke into the prison
 B B7 E E7
 I found my place in the chain
 A E Am
 Even damnation is poisoned with rainbows
 E G# C#m
 All the brave young men they're waiting now to see a signal
 A F#m B B7
 Which some killer will be lighting for pay

Chorus:

A E Am
 Into this furnace I ask you now to venture
 E B A E
 You whom I cannot betray

I fought in the old revolution
 On the side of the ghost and the King
 Of course I was very young and I thought that we were winning
 I can't pretend I still feel very much like singing
 As they carry the bodies away

Chorus:

Into this furnace I ask you now to venture
 You whom I cannot betray

Lately you've started to stutter
 As though you had nothing to say
 To all of my architects let me be traitor
 Now let me say I myself gave the order
 To sleep and to search and to destroy

Chorus:

Into this furnace I ask you now to venture
 You whom I cannot betray

Yes, you who are broken by power
 You who are absent all day
 You who are kings for the sake of your children's story
 The hand of your beggar is burdened down with money
 The hand of your lover is clay

Chorus:

Into this furnace I ask you now to venture
 You whom I cannot betray