

# First We Take Manhattan

Key of Dm

Leonard Cohen

Black : Male

Red : Female

Yellow : Both

Intro:

Dm

Am

Dm

Am

Dm

Am

G

F E

Am

Verse 1:

Dm

Am

They sentenced me to twenty years of boredom

Dm

Am

For trying to change the system from within

Dm

Am

I'm coming now I'm coming to reward them

G

F E

Am

First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

then we take Berlin

*(hang on Am one more bar)*

Dm

Am

I'm guided by a signal in the heavens

guided

Dm

Am

I'm guided by this birthmark on my skin

guided

I am guided by

Dm

Am

I'm guided by the beauty of our weapons

guided

oooh ahhh

G

F E

Am

First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin

then we take Berlin

**Chorus:**

**C** **G F**  
I'd really like to live beside you, baby  
**C** **Am**  
I love your body and your spirit and your clothes  
**C** **Am**  
But you see that line there moving through the station  
**G F E** **Am**  
I told you I told you I told you I was one of those  
(hang on Am one more bar)

**Verse 2:**

**Dm** **Am**  
You loved me as a loser but now you're worried that I just might win  
**Oooooooooohhh** **Oooohhhhhh**  
**Dm** **Am**  
You know the way to stop me but you don't have the discipline  
**Oooooooooohhh** **Oooohhhhhh**  
**Dm** **Am**  
How many nights I prayed for this: to let my work begin  
**Oooooooooohhh** **Oooohhhhhh**  
**G F E** **Am**  
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin  
**ooooooooohhhh** **then we take Berlin**

**Dm** **Am**  
I don't like your fashion business, mister  
**Dm** **Am**  
I don't like these drugs that keep you thin  
**Dm** **Am**  
I don't like what happened to my sister  
**G F E** **Am**  
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin  
**then we take Berlin**  
(hang on Am one more bar)

**Chorus:**

**C** **G F**  
I'd really like to live beside you, baby  
**C** **Am**  
I love your body and your spirit and your clothes  
**C** **Am**  
But you see that line there moving through the station  
**G F E** **Am**  
I told you I told you I told you I was one of those  
(hang on *Am* one more bar)

**Verse 3:**

**Dm** **Am**  
And I thank you for those items that you sent me  
**Dm** **Am**  
The monkey and the plywood violin  
**Dm** **Am**  
I practiced every night, now I'm ready  
**G F E** **Am**  
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin  
**Oooohhhhhh**  
(hang on *Am* one more bar)

**Dm** **Am**  
Remember me, I used to live for music  
**baby...**  
**Dm** **Am**  
Remember me, I brought your groceries in  
**oooohh baby yeah...**  
**Dm** **Am**  
It's Father's Day and everybody's wounded  
**baby...**  
**G F E** **Am**  
First we take Manhattan, then we take Berlin  
**aaaaaaaaahhh** **then we take Berlin**  
**Am**  
(1 strum to finish)