

First We Take Manhattan

Leonard Cohen

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

I'm guided by the signal in the heaven
I'm guided by this birthmark on my skin
I'm guided by the beauty of our weapons

R: 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.

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

R: I'd really...

And thank you for those items that you send me
The monkey and the plywood violin
I practice every night and now I'm ready

I remember I used to live for music
Remember me, I brought you groceries in
Well, it's Father's Day, and everybody's wounded