# First We Take Manhattan

Leonard Cohen 1986 (as recorded by Jennifer Warnes 1987)

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[Dm] / [Dm] / [Am] / [Am] /**

**[Dm] / [Dm] / [Am] / [Am]**

They **[Dm]** sentenced me to twenty years of **[Am]** boredom **[Am]**

For **[Dm]** trying to change the system from with-**[Am]**in **[Am]**

I'm **[Dm]** coming now, I'm coming to re-**[Am]**ward them **[Am]**

**[G]** First we take Man-**[F]**hattan **[E7]**

**[E7]** Then we take Ber-**[Am]**lin **[Am] / [Am] / [Am]**

I'm **[Dm]** guided by a signal in the **[Am]** heavens **[Am]**

I'm **[Dm]** guided by the birthmark on my **[Am]** skin **[Am]**

I'm **[Dm]** guided by the beauty of our **[Am]** weapons **[Am]**

**[G]** First we take Man-**[F]**hattan **[E7]**

**[E7]** Then we take Ber-**[Am]**lin **[Am]**

I'd **[C]** really like to live beside you **[G]** baby **[F]**

I love your **[C]** body, and your spirit, and your **[Am]** clothes **[Am]**

But you **[Dm]** see that line that’s moving through the **[Am]** station **[Am]**

I **[G]** told you, I **[F]** told you, I **[E7]** told you

**[E7]** I was one of **[Am]** those **[Am]**

**[Dm] / [Dm] / [Am] / [Am] /**

**[G] / [F] / [E7] / [E7] /**

**[Am] / [Am] / [Am] / [Am] /**

**[Dm]** I don't like your fashion business **[Am]** mister **[Am]**

And **[Dm]** I don't like those drugs that keep you **[Am]** thin **[Am]**

And **[Dm]** I don't like what happened to my **[Am]** sister **[Am]**

**[G]** First we take Man-**[F]**hattan **[E7]**

**[E7]** Then we take Ber-**[Am]**lin **[Am] / [Am] /**

**[Am]** Then we take Ber-**[Am]**lin **[Am] / [Am] /**

**[Am]** Then we take Ber-**[Am]**lin **[Am] / [Am] / [Am]↓**

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