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LEONARD COHEN - The

LEONARD COHEN LYRICS

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"The Future"

Give me back my broken night
my mirrored room, my secret life
it's lonely here,
there's no one left to torture
Give me absolute control
over every living soul
And lie beside me, baby,
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.

Things are going to slide, slide in all directions
Won't be nothing
Nothing you can measure anymore
The blizzard, the blizzard of the world
has crossed the threshold
and it has overturned
the order of the soul
When they said REPENT REPENT
I wonder what they meant
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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

Things are going to slide ...

There'll be the breaking of the ancient
 western code
 Your private life will suddenly explode
 There'll be phantoms
 There'll be fires on the road
 and the white man dancing
 You'll see a woman
 hanging upside down
 her features covered by her fallen gown
 and all the lousy little poets
 coming round
 tryin' to sound like Charlie Manson
 and the white man dancin'

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

Things are going to slide ...

When they said REPENT REPENT ...

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