

# The Old Revolution

Leonard Cohen

I finally broke into the prison, I found my place in the chain  
Even damnation is poisoned with rainbow  
All the brave young men they're waiting now to see a signal  
Which some killer will be lighting for pay  
Into this furnace I ask you now to venture  
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  
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  
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  
Into this furnace I ask you now to venture  
You whom I cannot betray

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