

Be Prepared
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F - 133211 (or the way I was taught was xx3211)
G7 - 320001

Intro: **Am** **Dm**

Am **Dm**
I know that your powers of retention
Em **Am**
Are as wet as a warthog s backside.
Dm
But thick as you are pay attention
Em **Am**
My words are a matter of pride.

Cm **Am**
It s clear from your vacant expressions,
Cm **Am**
The lights are not all on upstairs.
G **C**
But we re talking kings, and successions,
Bm7flat5 **E7**
Even YOU can t be caught unawares...

Am **Dm**
So prepare for the chance of a lifetime,
G **C**
Be prepared for sensational news...
Em **Am** **Dm** **G**
A shining new era is tip-toeing nearer
Em **Am**
And where do we feature?
Dm **G**
Just listen to teacher.

C
I know it sounds sordid,
C/Bflat
But you ll be rewarded
A7 **Dm**
When at last I am given my dues,
Bm7flat5 **E**
And injustice, deliciously squared,
Esus E **Am** **F**
Be prepared!

E7
Yeah, be prepared, heh, heh,

Am

We ll be prepared, heh.

For what?

Dm

For the death of the king!

Em

Why, is he sick?

Am

No fools, we re gunna kill him...

And Simba too...

Great idea, who needs a king?

Dm

Em

No king, no king, la la la la la la!

Am

Idiots! There will be a king!

Cm

Hey but you said er--

I WILL BE KING!

Am

Cm

Stick with me, and you ll never go hungry again!

Am

Yay, alright!

G

Yeah,alright!

C

Alright!

Long live the king,

Bm7flat5

E

Long live the king!

Am

Dm

It s great that we ll soon be connected

Em

Am

With a king who ll be all time adored.

Dm

Of course, quid pro quo, you re expected,

Em

Am

To take certain duties on board...

Cm

Am

The future is littered with prizes

Cm

Am

And though I m the main addressee,

G

G7

C

The point that I must emphasize is,

Bm7flat5

E

YOU WON T GET A SNIFF WITHOUT ME!

Am **Dm**
 So prepare for the coup of the century
G **C**
 Be prepared for the murkiest scam
Em **Am** **Dm** **G**
 Meticulous planning, tenacity spanning,
Em **Am**
 Decades of denial
Dm **G**
 Is simply why I ll
C
 Be king undisputed,
C/Bflat
 respected, saluted,
A7 **Dm**
 And seen for the wonder I am.
Bm7flat5 **E**
 Yes my teeth and ambitions are bared.
Esus E Am
 Be Prepared!
Bm7flat5 **E**
 Yes our teeth and ambitions are bared,
Am
 Be prepared!

 Outro (over wild laughter) **F E Am**