

**Be Prepared**  
**Elton John**

**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**