

Be Prepared
Elton John

F# - 133211 (or the way I was taught was xx3211)
G#7 - 320001

Intro: **Bbm** **Ebm**

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

C#m **Bbm**
It s clear from your vacant expressions,
C#m **Bbm**
The lights are not all on upstairs.
G# **C#**
But we re talking kings, and successions,
Cm7flat5 **F7**
Even YOU can t be caught unawares...

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

C#
I know it sounds sordid,
C#/Bflat
But you ll be rewarded
Bb7 **Ebm**
When at last I am given my dues,
Cm7flat5 **F**
And injustice, deliciously squared,
Fsus F **Bbm** **F#**
Be prepared!

F7
Yeah, be prepared, heh, heh,

Bbm

We ll be prepared, heh.

For what?

Ebm

For the death of the king!

Fm

Why, is he sick?

Bbm

No fools, we re gunna kill him...

And Simba too...

Great idea, who needs a king?

Ebm

Fm

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

Bbm

Idiots! There will be a king!

C#m

Hey but you said er--

I WILL BE KING!

Bbm

C#m

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

Bbm

Yay, alright!

G#

Yeah,alright!

C#

Alright!

Long live the king,

Cm7flat5

F

Long live the king!

Bbm

Ebm

It s great that we ll soon be connected

Fm

Bbm

With a king who ll be all time adored.

Ebm

Of course, quid pro quo, you re expected,

Fm

Bbm

To take certain duties on board...

C#m

Bbm

The future is littered with prizes

C#m

Bbm

And though I m the main addressee,

G#

G#7

C#

The point that I must emphasize is,

Cm7flat5

F

YOU WON T GET A SNIFF WITHOUT ME!

Bbm **Ebm**
 So prepare for the coup of the century
G# **C#**
 Be prepared for the murkiest scam
Fm **Bbm** **Ebm** **G#**
 Meticulous planning, tenacity spanning,
Fm **Bbm**
 Decades of denial
Ebm **G#**
 Is simply why I ll
C#
 Be king undisputed,
C#/Bflat
 respected, saluted,
Bb7 **Ebm**
 And seen for the wonder I am.
Cm7flat5 **F**
 Yes my teeth and ambitions are bared.
Fsus F Bbm
 Be Prepared!
Cm7flat5 **F**
 Yes our teeth and ambitions are bared,
Bbm
 Be prepared!

 Outro (over wild laughter) **F# F Bbm**