

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

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

Intro: **G#m** **C#m**

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

**Bm** **G#m**  
It s clear from your vacant expressions,  
**Bm** **G#m**  
The lights are not all on upstairs.  
**F#** **B**  
But we re talking kings, and successions,  
**Bbm7flat5** **Eb7**  
Even YOU can t be caught unawares...

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

**B**  
I know it sounds sordid,  
**B/Bflat**  
But you ll be rewarded  
**G#7** **C#m**  
When at last I am given my dues,  
**Bbm7flat5** **Eb**  
And injustice, deliciously squared,  
**Ebsus Eb** **G#m** **E**  
Be prepared!

**Eb7**  
Yeah, be prepared, heh, heh,

**G#m**

We ll be prepared, heh.

For what?

**C#m**

For the death of the king!

**Ebm**

Why, is he sick?

**G#m**

No fools, we re gunna kill him...

And Simba too...

Great idea, who needs a king?

**C#m**

**Ebm**

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

**G#m**

Idiots! There will be a king!

**Bm**

Hey but you said er--

I WILL BE KING!

**G#m**

**Bm**

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

**G#m**

Yay, alright!

**F#**

Yeah,alright!

**B**

Alright!

Long live the king,

**Bbm7flat5**

**Eb**

Long live the king!

**G#m**

**C#m**

It s great that we ll soon be connected

**Ebm**

**G#m**

With a king who ll be all time adored.

**C#m**

Of course, quid pro quo, you re expected,

**Ebm**

**G#m**

To take certain duties on board...

**Bm**

**G#m**

The future is littered with prizes

**Bm**

**G#m**

And though I m the main addressee,

**F#**

**F#7**

**B**

The point that I must emphasize is,

**Bbm7flat5**

**Eb**

YOU WON T GET A SNIFF WITHOUT ME!

**G#m** **C#m**  
 So prepare for the coup of the century  
**F#** **B**  
 Be prepared for the murkiest scam  
**Ebm** **G#m** **C#m** **F#**  
 Meticulous planning, tenacity spanning,  
**Ebm** **G#m**  
 Decades of denial  
**C#m** **F#**  
 Is simply why I ll  
**B**  
 Be king undisputed,  
**B/Bflat**  
 respected, saluted,  
**G#7** **C#m**  
 And seen for the wonder I am.  
**Bbm7flat5** **Eb**  
 Yes my teeth and ambitions are bared.  
**Ebsus Eb G#m**  
 Be Prepared!  
**Bbm7flat5** **Eb**  
 Yes our teeth and ambitions are bared,  
**G#m**  
 Be prepared!  
  
 Outro (over wild laughter ) **E Eb G#m**