

Be Prepared
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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**