

Be Prepared
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G - 133211 (or the way I was taught was xx3211)
A7 - 320001

Intro: **Bm** **Em**

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

Dm **Bm**
It s clear from your vacant expressions,
Dm **Bm**
The lights are not all on upstairs.
A **D**
But we re talking kings, and successions,
C#m7flat5 **F#7**
Even YOU can t be caught unawares...

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

D
I know it sounds sordid,
D/Bflat
But you ll be rewarded
B7 **Em**
When at last I am given my dues,
C#m7flat5 **F#**
And injustice, deliciously squared,
F#sus F# **Bm** **G**
Be prepared!

F#7
Yeah, be prepared, heh, heh,

Bm

We ll be prepared, heh.

For what?

Em

For the death of the king!

F#m

Why, is he sick?

Bm

No fools, we re gunna kill him...

And Simba too...

Great idea, who needs a king?

Em

F#m

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

Bm

Idiots! There will be a king!

Dm

Hey but you said er--

I WILL BE KING!

Bm

Dm

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

Bm

Yay, alright!

A

Yeah,alright!

D

Alright!

Long live the king,

C#m7flat5

F#

Long live the king!

Bm

Em

It s great that we ll soon be connected

F#m

Bm

With a king who ll be all time adored.

Em

Of course, quid pro quo, you re expected,

F#m

Bm

To take certain duties on board...

Dm

Bm

The future is littered with prizes

Dm

Bm

And though I m the main addressee,

A

A7

D

The point that I must emphasize is,

C#m7flat5

F#

YOU WON T GET A SNIFF WITHOUT ME!

Bm **Em**
 So prepare for the coup of the century
A **D**
 Be prepared for the murkiest scam
F#m **Bm** **Em** **A**
 Meticulous planning, tenacity spanning,
F#m **Bm**
 Decades of denial
Em **A**
 Is simply why I ll
D
 Be king undisputed,
D/Bflat
 respected, saluted,
B7 **Em**
 And seen for the wonder I am.
C#m7flat5 **F#**
 Yes my teeth and ambitions are bared.
F#sus F# Bm
 Be Prepared!
C#m7flat5 **F#**
 Yes our teeth and ambitions are bared,
Bm
 Be prepared!

 Outro (over wild laughter) **G F# Bm**