
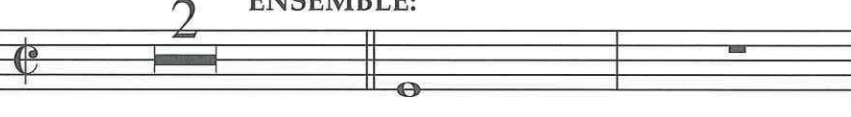


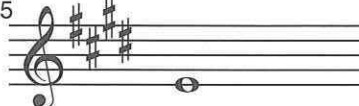
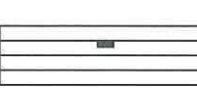
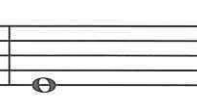

I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO BE KING

Spirited Fun!

1  2 **ENSEMBLE:** 

Hem!

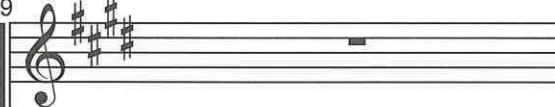


ZAZU
(realizing the cubs are gone)
 Simba?... Nala? Where are you hiding?! If you don't come out this instant— This isn't funny. I'm not laughing.

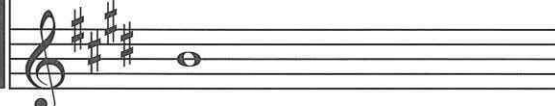
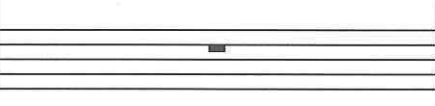
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Hem! Hem!


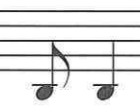

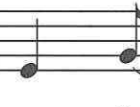






(YOUNG SIMBA and YOUNG NALA enter in fabulous costumes.)

YOUNG SIMBA:

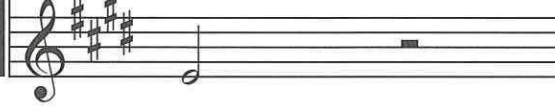
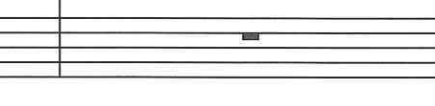

9    I'm

Hem!

11          

gon-na be a migh - ty king so

Hem!

13 (YOUNG SIMBA): ZAZU:
 e - ne - mies be - ware! I've
 (ENSEMBLE):

Hem!

15
 ne-ver seen a king of beasts with

Hem!

17 YOUNG SIMBA:
 quite so lit - tle hair! I'm

Hem!

19
 gon-na be the mane e - vent like

Hem!

21

no king was be - fore. I'm

Hem!

23

brush-ing up on look-ing down. I'm

Hem!

25

ZAZU:

work-ing on my roar! Thus

Hem!

27

far a ra - ther un - in - spir - ing

29 (ZAZU): YOUNG SIMBA:

thing. Oh, I

ENSEMBLE:

Ha ha ha ha ha!

31

just can't— wait to be king!

ZAZU: You've rather a long way to go, young master, if you think—

34 YOUNG SIMBA,
ENSEMBLE 2:

No one say-ing do this.

ZAZU: When I said that I—

38 YOUNG NALA,
ENSEMBLE 1:

No one say - ing be there.

ZAZU: What I meant was that the—

40 YOUNG SIMBA,
ENSEMBLE 2:

No one say - ing stop that.

ZAZU: What you don't realize is that sometimes—

42 **ZAZU:**

Now see here!

No one say-ing see here!

No one say-ing see here!

45 **ALL:** **ZAZU:** That's definitely out!

Free to run a - round all— day.

48 **YOUNG SIMBA:**

Free to do it all my—

51

way!

ENSEMBLE:

Hem! Hem!

55

Hem! Hem!

15

73 **YOUNG SIMBA,
ENSEMBLE 2:**

Ev - 'ry - bo - dy look left!

75 **YOUNG NALA,
ENSEMBLE 1:** **YOUNG SIMBA:**

Ev-'ry-bo-dy look right! Ev-'ry-where you

78 **YOUNG NALA,
ENSEMBLE 1:**

Stand-ing in the spot - light!

**YOUNG SIMBA,
ENSEMBLE 2:**

look I'm— stand-ing in the spot - light!

81 **ZAZU:** **ALL:**

Not yet! Let ev - 'ry crea - ture go — for broke and

Let ev - 'ry crea - ture go — for broke and

84

sing. Let's hear it in— the herd

sing. Let's hear it in— the herd

87

— and on— the wing. It's

— and on— the wing. It's

90

gon - na be— King Sim - ba's fin - est fling!

gon - na be— King Sim - ba's fin - est fling!

93 **YOUNG SIMBA:**

Oh, I just can't— wait to be

Oh, I just can't— wait to be

96 **ALL:**

king! Oh, he just can't—

king! Oh, he just can't—

99 **YOUNG SIMBA:**

Oh, I

wait to be king!

(YOUNG SIMBA):

102

just can't— wait

ALL:

Just can't— wait

106

ALL:

to be king!

(YOUNG SIMBA and YOUNG NALA escape as the ENSEMBLE exits, leaving ZAZU alone onstage.)

ZAZU

Simba! Nala! Oh, you're a royal pain in the tail feathers!
(flies into a tree, then exits dizzily)
 Nimba! Sala!

SCENE 6: THE ELEPHANT GRAVEYARD

(YOUNG SIMBA and YOUNG NALA enter laughing. This is a creepy place, but they don't notice.)

YOUNG SIMBA

All right! We lost him! I am a genius!

YOUNG NALA

Hey, genius – it was my idea!

YOUNG SIMBA

Yeah, but I pulled it off!

YOUNG NALA

Oh yeah?!

(YOUNG SIMBA playfully leaps for YOUNG NALA and they tussle. She flips him. He lands on his back with a thud and tries to get up, but YOUNG NALA holds him there.)

YOUNG NALA

Pinned ya!

YOUNG SIMBA

Hey, let me up!

(YOUNG NALA does but then flips YOUNG SIMBA again!)

YOUNG NALA

Pinned ya again!

(#9 ELEPHANT GRAVEYARD.)

YOUNG SIMBA

(finally noticing their surroundings)

This is it! We made it!

(A pile of huge, terrifying bones comes into view. The CUBS love it!)

YOUNG NALA

It's really creepy.

YOUNG SIMBA

Yeah. Isn't it great?!

YOUNG NALA

We could get in big trouble!

(ZAZU swoops in.)

ZAZU

I know! That's where I come in.

YOUNG SIMBA, YOUNG NALA

Zazu...

ZAZU

This is waaaay beyond the boundary of the Pridelands. Very dangerous!

YOUNG SIMBA

Danger? Ha! I walk on the wild side. I laugh in the face of danger. Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha!

HYENA VOICES

Hee-hee-hee-hee-hee!!!

(YOUNG SIMBA is startled as three HYENAS slink out of hiding: BANZAI, SHENZI, and ED.)

SHENZI

Well, well, well, Banzai. What have we got here?

BANZAI

Hmmm... I don't know, Shenzi. What do you think, Ed?

ED

Hee-hee-hee!

BANZAI

Just what I was thinkin'. A trio of trespassers.

ZAZU

A simple navigational error, let me assure you. We'll be leaving now.

SHENZI

Whoa! Wait...

(sniffs)

I know you. You're Mufasa's little stooge.

ZAZU

I, madam, am the king's majordomo!

SHENZI

Looks more like the king's major dumbo.

(The HYENAS cackle with laughter. BANZAI approaches YOUNG SIMBA.)

BANZAI

And that would make you...

YOUNG SIMBA

The future king!

SHENZI

Do you know what we do to kings who step out of their kingdom?

YOUNG SIMBA

Huh. You can't do anything to me!

ZAZU

Er... technically, they can. We are on their land.

YOUNG SIMBA

But Zazu, you told me hyenas are nothing but slobbering, mangy, stupid poachers!

BANZAI

Slobbering?

SHENZI

Mangy?

BANZAI, SHENZI

And stupid?!?

ED

Huh?

ZAZU

Oh, my, my, my. Look at the sun. It's time to go!

BANZAI

(grabs ZAZU)

Not so fast, food.

SHENZI

How about some take out?

(grabs YOUNG NALA)

Make mine a cub sandwich!

BANZAI

Time to chow down.

SHENZI

Heads or tails?

ED

Yum yum yum yum yum...

YOUNG NALA

Simba!

(Trying to protect YOUNG NALA, YOUNG SIMBA musters all his courage and tries to roar.)

YOUNG SIMBA

Rr-rr...

(All that comes out is a pathetic squeak.)

SHENZI

That was it?!? Ah-ha-ha-ha!!! Come on, do it again!

(The HYENAS laugh menacingly.)

YOUNG SIMBA

Rr-rr...

(takes a deep breath, then)

Rr-rr!

(YOUNG SIMBA's tiny attempt is replaced by a deafening roar as MUFASA enters and pummels the HYENAS.)

MUFASA

Roar! Roar!!!

SHENZI, BANZAI

(variously)

Ow! Hey! Ouch! Stop! Please! Uncle! We're sorry!

MUFASA

Silence! If you ever go near my son again—

SHENZI

Son? Son? That was your son?

(laughs nervously, to BANZAI)

Did you know that?

BANZAI

Me? No! Did you?

SHENZI

No! Of course not!

BANZAI, SHENZI

Ed?

(ED laughs and nods "yes.")

MUFASA

Roar!

(The HYENAS scamper into the shadows, yipping. YOUNG SIMBA steps forward.)

YOUNG SIMBA

Dad, I—

MUFASA

You deliberately disobeyed me!

YOUNG SIMBA

Dad, I'm... I'm sorry.

MUFASA

Let's go home.

(MUFASA leads the way, ZAZU flapping behind him. YOUNG SIMBA follows, embarrassed.)

YOUNG NALA

(to YOUNG SIMBA)

I thought you were very brave.

(SHENZI, BANZAI, and ED emerge, licking their wounds.)

BANZAI

That lousy Mufasa. I won't be able to sit for a week!

SHENZI

If it weren't for those pushy lions, we'd be running the joint!

ED

Hee-hee-hee....

(#10 SCAR ENTERS. SCAR emerges from the shadows with a scrap of carrion.)

SCAR

Oh, surely we lions are not all that bad.

(The HYENAS gasp... until they recognize SCAR and heave sighs of relief.)

BANZAI

Oh, Scar. It's just you.

SHENZI

Yeah, we were afraid it was somebody important.

BANZAI

Yeah, you know – like Mufasa.

SHENZI

Oh, I just hear that name and I shudder.

BANZAI

Mufasa Mufasa Mufasa Mufasa...

(SHENZI shudders as BANZAI and ED laugh uncontrollably.)

SCAR

I'm surrounded by idiots.

BANZAI

Hey, did'ja bring us anything to eat, Scar old buddy, old pal? Huh?

SHENZI, BANZAI

Did'ja-did'ja-did'ja?