

## Brisbane Junior Theatre Lion King Jr. Audition Monologues 2020

**SCAR** Mufasa's death was a terrible tragedy; but to lose Simba, who had barely begun to live... For me it is a deep personal loss. So it is with a heavy heart that I assume the throne. Yet, out of the ashes of this tragedy, we shall rise to greet the dawning of a new era... in which lion and hyena come together, in a great and glorious future!

**MUFASA** Look Simba. Everything the light touches is our kingdom. A king's time as ruler rises and falls like the sun. One day, Simba, the sun will set on my time here - and will rise with you as the new king. Everything exists in a delicate balance. As king, you need to understand that balance, and respect for all creatures-- Everything is connected in the great Circle of Life.

**YOUNG SIMBA** Hey Uncle Scar, guess what! *I'm* going to be king of Pride Rock. My Dad just showed me the whole kingdom, and I'm going to *rule* it all. Heh heh. Hey, Uncle Scar? When I'm king, what will that make you? {beat}

**YOUNG NALA** Simba, So, where is it? Better not be any place lame! The waterhole? What's so great about the waterhole? Ohhhhh..... Uh, Mom, can I go with Simba? Pleeeeez? Yay!!! So, where're we really goin'? An elephant graveyard? Wow! So how're we gonna ditch the dodo?

**ZAZU (to Simba)** You can't fire *me*. Only a *king* can do that. You're not a king *yet*. And with an attitude like that, I'm afraid you're shaping up to be a pretty pathetic king, indeed! {beat} Simba?... Nala? Where are you hiding?! If you don't come out this instant - This isn't funny. I'm not laughing.

**BANZAI** Hmmmm.... I don't know, Shenzi. Looks like a trio of trespassers. You look more like the king's major dumbo! And that would make you.... the future king! (*grabs ZAZU*) Not so fast, FOOD. Time to chow down

**TIMON** All righty... what have we got here? (*realizing*) Yikes! It's a lion! Run, Pumbaa! Move it! Pumbaa, are you nuts? You're talking about a lion! Lions eat guys like us! He's gonna get bigger! That's the stupidest thing I ever heard. (*light bulb*) Hey! I've got it! What if he's on our side? Ya know, havin' a lion around might not be such a bad idea! (*gently pats Young Simba*) You okay, kid?

**PUMBAA** Timon - look at him. He's so cute and all alone. Can we keep him? He's so little. Maybe he'll be on our side! Whad'ja do, kid? Anything we can do to help? Ya know, in times like this, my buddy Timon here says: You gotta put your behind in your past. H.a-ku-na ma-ta-ta. (*explaining*) It means "no worries."

**NALA (Grown)** We need you! You're the king. {beat} Simba, Scar let the hyenas take over the Pride Lands. Everything's destroyed. There's no food, no water. Simba, if you don't do something soon, everyone will *starve*. It's your *responsibility* to help. Don't you understand? You're our *only hope*.

**SIMBA (Grown)** Nala, we've been through this. I'm not the king. Scar is. {beat} I can't go back. You wouldn't understand. It doesn't matter. Hakuna Matata. It's something I learned out here. Look, sometimes bad things happen... and there's nothing you can *do* about it! So *why worry?* {beat}.

**SARABI** Scar, there is no food. The herds have moved on. We must leave Pride Rock. You are sentencing us to death. If you were half the king Mufasa was...Simba...? You're alive. How can that be?

**RAFIKI** Who am I?, The question is: Who are you? I know who you are, you're Mufasa's boy...Correction! I knew you're father. Nope! Wrong again! I know your Father! He's alive! I'll show him to you. Shhhhh...Look down there...No! Look harder!

## **General Audition Song**

### **I Just Can't Wait to Be King (1:26)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHp\\_W45Xlgw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHp_W45Xlgw)

Everybody look left, everybody look right.  
Everywhere you look, I'm standing in the spotlight.  
Let every creature go for broke and sing.  
Let's hear it in the herd and on the wing  
It's gonna be King Simba's finest fling  
Oh, I just can't wait to be king!

Whole Production [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3\\_-Uxp4sZQg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_-Uxp4sZQg)