

"The Morning Report"
Music by Elton John, lyrics by Tim Rice
Performed by Geoff Hoyle, Samuel E. Wright, and Scott Irby-Ranniar

Zazu:
It's an honor and a privilege, a duty I perform
With due sense of decorum and with pride
With deference and great respect very much the norm
Plus a hint of sycophancy on the side
To lay before my ruler all the facts about his realm
To fill him in on all the beastly news

Mufasa:
Yes, yes, Zazu, get on with it!

Zazu:
In order that His Majesty stands sturdy at the helm
Aware of all the fauna's latest views

Mufasa:
Zazu! The morning report!

Zazu:
Er-- yes, Sire-- the morning report

Chimps are going ape, giraffes remain above it all
Elephants remember, though just what I can't recall
Crocodiles are snapping up fresh offers from the banks
Showed interest in my nest egg but I quickly said "No thanks!"
We haven't paid the hornbills and the vultures have a hunch
Not everyone invited will be coming back for lunch

This is the morning report
Gives you the long and the short
Every grunt, roar, and snort
Not a tale I distort
On the morning report

Mufasa:
What are you doing, son?

Simba:
Pouncing

Mufasa
Let and old pro show you how it's done

Vocabulary

Decorum: noun; etiquette; behavior in keeping with good taste and propriety

Deference: noun; humble submission and respect; obedience; acquiescence

Acquiescence: verb; accept something reluctantly but without protest

Sycophancy: noun; obsequious acts toward another in order to gain an advantage

Obsequious: adjective; obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree

Realm: noun; a kingdom

Fauna: noun; the animals of a particular region; habitat, or geological period

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Zazu:

The buffalo have got a beef
About this season's grass
Warthogs have been thwarted
In attempts to save their gas
Flamingoes in the pink and
Chasing secretary birds
Saffron is this season's color
Seen in all the herds
Moving down the rank and file
To near the bottom rung
Far too many beetles are
Quite frankly in the dung
Aaaaak!

Mufasa:

Stay low to the ground

Simba:

Yeah, stay low!

Mufasa:

Shh, not a sound

Take it slow

One more step

Then pounce!

Simba:

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