

Audition Materials For

ZAZU



About the Character: The anxious yet loyal assistant to Mufasa who is always busy trying to do his duty. Zazu's lyrics are spoken rather than sung, and the role can be played by a boy or girl.

Gender: Any

Grade: Any

Vocal range: C4-C#5

Total Lines: 35 Solos: 1

Audition Song: [I Just Can't Wait to be King](#)

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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.)

9 **YOUNG SIMBA:**

Hem! I'm

11

gon-na be a migh - ty king so

Hem!

13 (YOUNG SIMBA): ZAZU:

c - ne - mies be - ware! I've

(ENSEMBLE):

Hem!

15

ne-ver seen a king of beasts with

Hem!

17 YOUNG SIMBA:

quite so lit - tie 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 2 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!

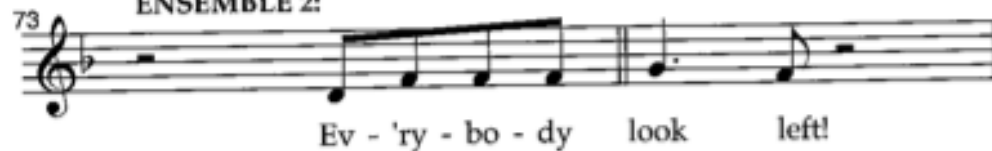
ENSEMBLE:

Hem! Hem!

55 Hem! Hem!

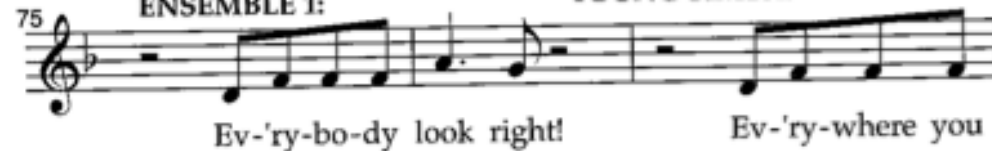
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**YOUNG SIMBA,
ENSEMBLE 2:**

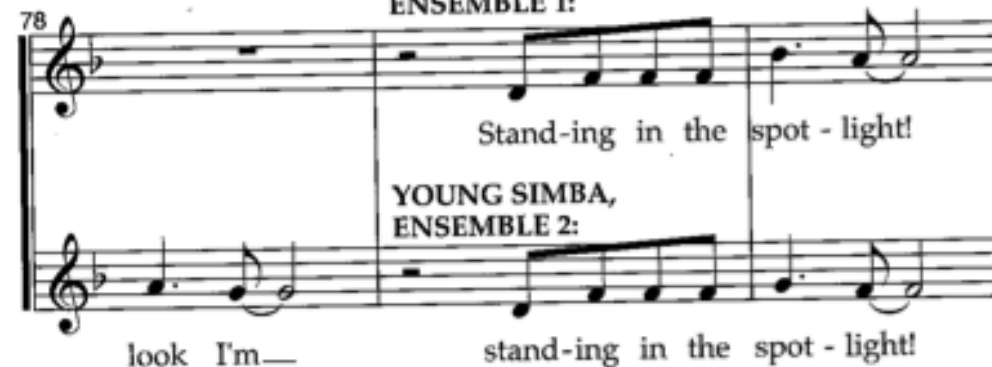


**YOUNG NALA,
ENSEMBLE 1:**

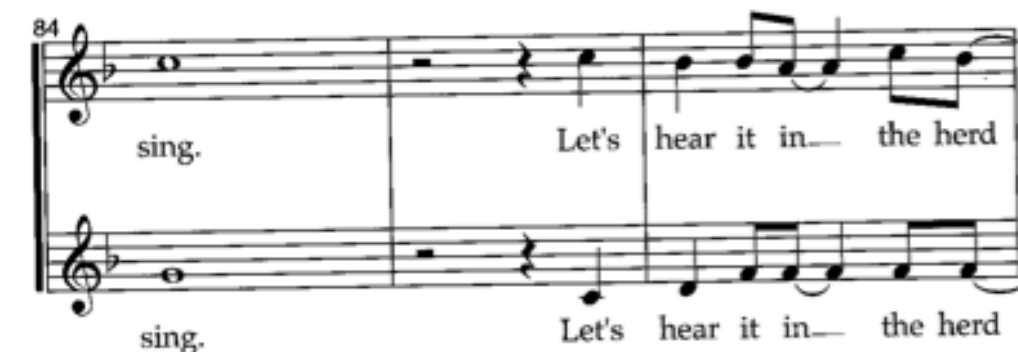
YOUNG SIMBA:



**YOUNG NALA,
ENSEMBLE 1:**



ZAZU: ALL:



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— and on— the wing. It's

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

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93 YOUNG SIMBA:

Oh, I just can't— wait to be

96 ALL:

king! Oh, he just can't—

99 YOUNG SIMBA:

Oh, I

wait to be king!

YOUNG SIMBA

Hey, Nala!

YOUNG NALA

Hi, Simba.

YOUNG SIMBA

I just heard about this great place. Come on!

YOUNG NALA

Simba – I'm going hunting with my mother.

YOUNG SIMBA

This is a place your mother would never go.

YOUNG NALA

So where is it? Better not be any place lame!

YOUNG SIMBA

No. It's really cool.

LIONESSES

So, where is this "really cool" place?

SARABI

Simba?

YOUNG SIMBA

Oh... hi, Mom.

(lying)

It's... around the waterhole.

YOUNG NALA

The waterhole? What's so great about the waterhole?

YOUNG SIMBA

(through teeth)

I'll show you when we get there.

YOUNG NALA

Ohhhh!

(to SARAFINA)

Uh, Mom, can I go with Simba?

SARAFINA

(checking in with a fellow mother)

Sarabi?

YOUNG SIMBA, YOUNG NALA

Pleeeez?

SARABI

It's all right with me...

YOUNG SIMBA, YOUNG NALA

Yay!!!

(YOUNG SIMBA and YOUNG NALA make a break for it as ZAZU flaps in.)

SARABI

... as long as Zazu goes with you to the waterhole.

(YOUNG SIMBA and YOUNG NALA freeze in their tracks, miffed.)

YOUNG SIMBA

No! Not Zazu.

(The LIONESSES exit. ZAZU flaps ahead of YOUNG SIMBA and YOUNG NALA as they travel.)

ZAZU

Step lively! The sooner we get to the waterhole, the sooner we can leave!

(SIMBA and NALA whisper conspiratorially.)

YOUNG NALA

So where're we really goin'?

YOUNG SIMBA

An elephant graveyard.

YOUNG NALA

(loudly)

Wow!

YOUNG SIMBA

Shhhh! Zazu...

YOUNG NALA

Right. So how're we gonna ditch the dodo?

(YOUNG SIMBA and YOUNG NALA huddle. ZAZU, thrilled, flies to them.)

ZAZU

Oh, just look! Little seeds of romance blossoming in the savanna! And one day you two will be married!

YOUNG SIMBA, YOUNG NALA

Yuck! / Eewwww!

YOUNG SIMBA

I can't marry her. She's my friend.

YOUNG NALA

Yeah. It'd be too weird.

ZAZU

Well, sorry to burst your bubble, but you two turtle doves have no choice. It's a tradition going back generations.

YOUNG SIMBA

Well, when I'm king, that'll be the first thing to go.

ZAZU

Not so long as I'm around.

YOUNG SIMBA

In that case, you're fired.

ZAZU

Nice try. But only the king can do that.

YOUNG NALA

Well, he is the future king.

YOUNG SIMBA

Yeah! So you have to do what I tell you!

ZAZU

Not yet, I don't! And with an attitude like that, I'm afraid you will be a pretty pathetic king, indeed!

YOUNG SIMBA

Not the way I see it!

(#8 I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO BE KING. YOUNG SIMBA and YOUNG NALA exit and ZAZU freaks out as we enter Young Simba's imagination.)