

**AUDITION SIDE – Mufasa & Young Simba  
from *The Lion King JR.***

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**MUFASA**

*(gazes out over the Pridelands)*

Look, Simba: Everything the light touches is our kingdom.

**YOUNG SIMBA**

Wow...

**MUFASA**

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.

**YOUNG SIMBA**

And this'll all be mine?

**MUFASA**

Everything.

**YOUNG SIMBA**

*(in awe)*

Everything the light touches...

*(looks off in the distance)*

What about that shadowy place over there?

**MUFASA**

That's beyond our borders. You must never go there, Simba.

**YOUNG SIMBA**

But I thought a king can do whatever he wants.

**MUFASA**

Well, there's a lot more to being king than getting your way all the time.

**YOUNG SIMBA**

*(pointing in the distance)*

Dad, what are those birds over there?

**MUFASA**

They're buzzards.

**YOUNG SIMBA**

They're scary. Why don't you chase 'em away?

**MUFASA**

I don't have to. They're doing what they're supposed to do. You see, Simba, everything exists in a delicate balance. As king, you need to understand that balance and respect all creatures – from the crawling ant to the leaping antelope.

**YOUNG SIMBA**

But Dad, don't we eat the antelope?

**MUFASA**

Yes, but when we die, our bodies become the grass, and the antelope eat the grass. Everything is connected in the great circle of life.