

## **Stanley Holloway "Albert And The Lion"**

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ALBERT AND THE LION

from the Stanley Holloway record

There's a famous seaside place called Blackpool

That's noted for fresh air and fun

And Mr. and Mrs. Ramsbottom

Went there with young Albert, their son.

A fine little lad were young Albert,

All dressed in his best, quite a swell.

He'd a stick with an 'orse's 'ead 'andle;

The finest that Woolworth's could sell.

They didn't think much to the ocean,

The waves they were piddlin' and small.

There were no wrecks and nobody drowned,

'Fact, nothin' to laugh at at all!

So, seeking for further amusement,

They paid, and went into the zoo,

Where they'd lions and tigers and camels

And cold ale and sandwiches, too.

There were one great big lion called Wallace

Whose nose was all covered with scars;

He lay in a som-no-lent posture

With the side of 'is face on the bars.

Now Albert 'ad 'eard about lions-

'Ow they was ferocious and wild;

To see lion lyin' so peaceful

Just didn't seem right to the child.

So straightway the brave little feller,

Not showin' a morsel of fear,

Took 'is stick with the 'orse's 'ead 'andle

And stuck it in Wallace's ear.

You could see that the lion din't like it,

For givin' a kind of a roll,

'E pulled Albert inside the cage with 'im

And swallowed the little lad - 'ole!

Now Mother 'ad seen this occurrence,

And not knowin' what to do next,

She 'ollered "Yon lion's et Albert!"

An' Father said "Ee, I am vexed."

They complained to an animal keeper

Who said "My, wot a nasty mis'ap;

Are you sure it's your boy 'e's eaten?"

Pa said, "Am I sure? There's 'is cap!"  
The manager 'ad to be sent for;  
'E came and 'e said "Wot's to-do?"  
Ma said "Yon lion's et Albert,  
And 'im in 'is Sunday clothes, too!"  
Father said "Right's right, young feller-  
I think it's a shame and a sin  
To 'ave our son et by a lion  
And after we paid to come in."  
The manager wanted no trouble;  
He took out his purse right away,  
Sayin' "'Ow much to settle the matter?"  
Pa said "Wot do you usually pay?"  
But Mother 'ad turned a bit awkward  
When she saw where 'er Albert 'ad gone.  
She said "No, someone's got to be summonsed!"  
So that was decided upon.  
And off they all went to p'lice station  
In front of a Magistrate chap;  
They told what 'ad 'appened to Albert  
And proved it by showing 'is cap.  
The Magistrate gave 'is opinion  
That no one was really to blame,  
And 'e said that 'e 'oped the Ramsbottoms  
Would 'ave further sons to their name.  
At that Mother got proper blazin':  
"And thank you, sir, kindly," said she-  
"Wot, spend all our lives raisin' children  
To feed ruddy lions? Not me!"  
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