

## **Holloway Stanley**

### **"Alberts Reunion"**

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ALBERT'S REUNION

(Stanley Holloway)

You've 'eard of young Albert Ramsbottom,

And Mrs. Ramsbottom, and Dad

And the trouble the poor lion went through

Trying to stomach the lad.

Well, after the lion disgorged him

Quite many a day 'ad gone by

But the lion just sat there and brooded

With a far away look in his eye.

The keepers could do nowt wi' lion

He seemed to be suffering pain.

He seemed to be fretting for something

And the curl all went out of his mane.

It looked at its food and ignored it

Just gazed far away into space.

When keepers tried forcible feeding

They got it all back in their face!

And at Mr. and Mrs. Ramsbottom's

The same kind of thing had begun

And though they tried all sorts of measures

They couldn't rouse Albert, their son.  
Now Mr. Ramsbottom got fed up  
At trying to please him in vain.  
And said, " If you don't start to buck up  
I'll take you to lion again!"  
Now instead of the lad getting frightened  
And starting to quake at the knees,  
He seemed to be highly delighted  
And shouted," Oh Dad! If you Please!"  
His father thought he had gone potty.  
His mother went nearly insane.  
But Albert stood firm, and just bellowed,  
"I want to see lion again!"  
So Mr. and Mrs. Ramsbottom  
Decided the best thing to do  
Was to give way to Albert, and take him  
Straight-a-way back to the Zoo.  
The moment the lion saw Albert  
For the first time for weeks it had stirred  
It moved the left side of its whiskers  
Then lay on its back and just purred.  
And before anybody could stop him  
Young Albert were stroking his paws.  
And whilst the crowd screamed for the keepers  
The little lad opened its jaws.

The crowd were completely dumfounded  
His mother was out, to the wide,  
But they knew, by the bumps and the bulges  
That Albert was once more inside.  
Then all of sudden, the lion  
Stood up and let out a roar  
And Albert, all smiling and happy,  
Came out, with a thud, on the floor.  
The crowd, by this time, were all cheering  
And Albert stood there looking grand  
With the stick with the horses-head handle  
Clutched in his chubby young hand.  
The lion grew so fond of Albert,  
It couldn't be parted from lad.  
And so zoological keepers  
Sent round a note to his Dad:  
We regret to say lion is worried  
And pining for your little man  
So sending you lion tomorrow  
Arriving in plain covered van.  
And if you should go 'round any evening  
When Albert has gone off to rest  
There's the lion, all tucked up beside him  
Asleep, with 'is 'ead on his chest.

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