

## Mary Poppins Soundtrack

### "The Life I Lead"

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Mr.Banks:

I feel a surge of deep satisfaction  
Much as a king astride his noble steed  
When I return from daily strife to heart and wife  
How pleasant is the life I lead!

Mrs. Banks:

[Spoken]

Dear, it's about the children...

Mr. Banks:

Yes, yes, yes!

[Sung]

I run my home precisely on schedule  
At 6:01, I march through my door  
My slippers, sherry, and pipe are due at 6:02  
Consistent is the life I lead!

It's grand to be an Englishman in 1910  
King Edward's on the throne;  
It's the age of men  
I'm the lord of my castle  
The sov'reign, the liege!  
I treat my subjects: servants, children, wife  
With a firm but gentle hand  
Noblesse oblige!

It's 6:03 and the heirs to my dominion  
Are scrubbed and tubbed and adequately fed  
And so I'll pat them on the head  
And send them off to bed  
Ah! Lordly is the life I lead!

A British nanny must be a gen'ral!  
The future empire lies within her hands  
And so the person that we need to mold the breed  
Is a nanny who can give commands!

A British bank is run with precision  
A British home requires nothing less!

Tradition, discipline, and rules must be the tools  
Without them - disorder!  
Catastrophe! Anarchy! -  
In short, we have a ghastly mess!

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