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From singing of Dennis Puleston, Long Island, NY

## Don't Go in the Lions' Cage

**Dm**

A lady once she had a lovely daughter,

----**Am**-----**Dm**

That lady was an actress on the stage

She'd walk into a cage of angry lions

----**Am**-----**Dm**

Them lions they was always in a rage.

One day her daughter had a premonition

----**Am**-----**Dm**

That everything that night would not go right

And so she told her mother in the kitchen,

**Am**-----**Dm**

“Don't go in that lions' cage to-night!”

**Chorus:**

**C**----**F**

*“Oh, don't go in that lions' cage, dear mother, dear, tonight;*

-----**C**-----**F**

*Them lions is ferocious and might bite!*

-----**Bb**-----**F**

*When they get them angry fits, they'll tear you into little bits,*

---**C**-----**C7**-----**F**

*So don't go in that lions' cage to-night.”*

The lady laughed “Ha, ha!” She did not heed the warning

That unto her the daughter she did give;

“Oh, no!” she cried, “I do not fear them lions;

Not one of them could make me cease to live!”

She went into that cage of angry lions,

Them lions was ferocious as could be;

“Alas!” she cried as one strode up and bit her,

“I now recall what daughter said to me!” (CHO)

“Oh, who will save my mother?” cried the daughter;

“By lions she is being bit and et!”

“I will!” replied a young man in the gallery;

“I'll save your mother, you can bet!”

He strode into that cage of angry lions;

He quelled them and the mother res-cu-ed;

“Here's your mom,” he said, as he kissed her (the daughter);

“For I have loved you ever since you said:” (CHO)