

## SIDE FOR JOHN KNIGHTLEY

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**JOHN KNIGHTLEY**

My dear, I have offered Mr. Elton a seat in my carriage. The weather seemed to be his only objection, so it is quite settled. He appeared satisfied and expressed more pleasure than required. I never in my life saw a man more intent on being agreeable than Mr. Elton, particularly where ladies are concerned. With men he can be rational and unaffected, but when he has ladies to please, every feature works.

EMMA

Mr. Elton's manners are not perfect, but there is a wish to please.

**JOHN KNIGHTLEY**

Yes, he seems to have a great deal of good-will towards you!

EMMA

You imagine me Mr. Elton's object?

**JOHN KNIGHTLEY**

I own, Emma, if it never occurred to you before, you may take it into consideration.

EMMA

What an idea!

MR. KNIGHTLEY

You are surprised?

**JOHN KNIGHTLEY**

Your manners are encouraging; you had better ascertain what you mean to do.

EMMA

I assure you; you are quite mistaken. We are good friends. Nothing more. Come, we must prepare for dinner.

*Annoyed, she curtsies and turns her back on MR KNIGHTLEY, takes JOHN KIGHTLY's arm and begins to walk.*

**JOHN KNIGHTLEY**

In such weather. One must have a good opinion of himself when he asks people to leave their own fireside on such a day as this! Four horses and four servants taken out for nothing but to convey five idle, shivering creatures into colder rooms and worse company than they might have had at home.