

# FRANKIE SIDE

EMMA

Wow.

JEFF

So, her dad's company is issuing a huge recall. And whatever money they had for tuition at Highbury is gone.

EMMA

But the school threw a party for her! They wanted her so much.

JEFF

They wanted her when she was rich.

EMMA

Well, that's hypocrisy.

JEFF

Is it really all that different from when you didn't want Harriet to date Martin because he works in the dining hall kitchen...and he's not rich?

EMMA

That's...well, that's just...Jeff—

JEFF

*(correcting her)*

Mr. Knightley—

EMMA

I am not calling you that! And I'd appreciate it if you didn't turn this injustice into another opportunity to teach me a lesson!

JEFF

If it's such an injustice, why don't you do something about it?

EMMA

I'm a student. And so are you, by the way. When you get down to it, we're actually powerless.

*(suddenly, FRANKIE appears)*

START

FRANKIE

Hey, you're Emma, right?

EMMA

Oh my gosh.

**FRANKIE**

I'm Frankie Churchill. We were freshmen here together.

**EMMA**

Oh my gosh.

**FRANKIE**

I saw you from the stage last night.

**EMMA**

Oh my –

**JEFF**

Hey, I'm Jeff Knightley. I was in your French class freshman year.

**FRANKIE**

And look at you now, buddy. All grown up. You look like you could teach here.

**JEFF**

Well, actually –

**EMMA**

It's so good to see you again, Frankie. We've all been following your career. It's really...really...

**FRANKIE**

...really...?

**EMMA**

Amazingly inspiring.

**JEFF**

Okay, well, I'm late for class, so I'll see you guys again later, all right? Good!

**FRANKIE**

See ya, kiddo.

*(JEFF leaves)*

**FRANKIE**

All right, Emma, give me a tour. What's changed at Highbury these last few years?

**EMMA**

Oh, nothing changes here. Same old elitist stuck-in-the mud shiny prep school. "Go Porcupines!"

FRANKIE

Things don't have to always stay the same, you know. People can affect them.

EMMA

Maybe in the real world. Not here.

FRANKIE

The real world is rough. I mean, don't get me wrong, I'm really grateful. I have a manager and a publicist and a record deal—

EMMA

And you got to basically skip high school—

FRANKIE

Yeah, but sometimes I think about Highbury and I wonder what I'm missing.

*(they look at each other...a charged moment)*

EMMA

Well, you're back here now. I hope you're having a good time.

FRANKIE

Oh, believe me, I am.

#13 STRAIGHT UP

*(time slows down...EMMA and FRANKIE are lost in their own thoughts...they see each other, but they are each in a dream world...the GIRLS and GUYS appear inside the dream with kazoos, playing and singing back-up)*

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EMMA  
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DREAM

KAZOO ENSEMBLE  
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EMMA  
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WAY TO

FEMALE KAZOOS  
DOO

END