

PHILIP
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EMMA

I'm here because I have an idea. Well, Frankie and I do.

JEFF

Oh, Frankie.

EMMA

We're gonna produce a charity concert to raise scholarship money for Jane Fairfax. We need a faculty sponsor and, since you somehow get a faculty office, I'm pretty sure you count. Are you in?

JEFF

I'm impressed, Emma. But, I should tell you, Jane's problem is already solved.

EMMA

What d you mean?

JEFF

An anonymous donor agreed to pay for her tuition.

EMMA

An anonymous donor? Who does that?!

JEFF

We should be happy for Jane. Seems like a cool girl. A concert would have been great though.

EMMA

(a new idea)

We can still do it. We can raise money for *lots* of scholarships, not just for one person. There's gotta be other people who need some generosity and there's no reason why we can't come together and --

(PHILIP enters with ASHLEY, a pretty girl, on his arm)

PHILIP

Knock-knock.

JEFF

Uh, hi Philip...

PHILIP

Hi Mr. Knightley. Hello Emma. I'm making the rounds to introduce everyone to my new girlfriend, Ashley.

ASHLEY

Hi guys!

EMMA

(to herself)

That was fast.

PHILIP

I figure, if the election goes my way, then the electorate will be seeing a lot of Ashley and it's important they love her as much as I do.

ASHLEY

Oh, you are so sweet. Isn't he sweet? Isn't he going to be the sweetest President?

EMMA

The sweetest.

ASHLEY

I don't know if you know this, but I'm an amazing singer, so I think that when Philip wins the election, it's probably appropriate that I sing something during the inauguration ceremony.

JEFF

Is there an inauguration ceremony for Student Council President?

ASHLEY

Well, if there's not, it's probably appropriate that there should be!

PHILIP

Isn't she great?

EMMA

The greatest.

JEFF

You know, Philip, as a prospective President, you should be aware that Emma is organizing a movement to raise scholarship funds for Highbury. She and Frankie Churchill are producing a charity dance to make it happen.

PHILIP

Scholarship funds? You mean, for people who can't afford Highbury? I'm not sure how I feel about that.

EMMA

Are you serious? Are you telling me that if someone like Martin, the dishwasher-slash-busboy, wanted to go to Highbury and had good enough scores to get accepted –

PHILIP

(interrupting)

A school like Highbury is supposed to make money, Emma.

EMMA

A school like Highbury is supposed to educate students! And when the students are diverse, they learn even more!

#15 ROAR

EMMA

About *life!* Which I think is pretty much the point, Philip!

PHILIP

Now, wait a second –

EMMA

I USED TO BITE MY TONGUE AND HOLD MY BREATH
SCARED TO ROCK THE BOAT AND MAKE A MESS
SO I SAT QUIETLY, AGREED POLITELY
I GUESS THAT I FORGOT I HAD A CHOICE
I LET YOU PUSH ME PAST THE BREAKING POINT
I STOOD FOR NOTHING, SO I FELL FOR EVERYTHING
YOU HELD ME DOWN, BUT I GOT UP

PHILIP

(taking offense)

Hey!

EMMA

ALREADY BRUSHING OFF THE DUST
YOU HEAR MY VOICE, YOU HEAR THAT SOUND
LIKE THUNDER GONNA SHAKE THE GROUND
YOU HELD ME DOWN, BUT I GOT UP

(she pushes past PHILIP)

PHILIP

Hey!