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**Mrs. Elton:** You know, your home reminds me of Maple Grove, which is the seat of my brother, Mr. Sutling.

**Mr. Elton:** Sutling.

**Mrs. Elton:** The hall, the size of the room, I'm really quite struck by it! I almost

fancy myself here!

**Emma:** I'm glad you can feel so at ease.

**Mrs. Elton:** Oh, my brother and sister will be enchanted with this place. People who have extensive grounds are always pleased to meet other people with…

extensive grounds.

**Emma:** I'm afraid you overrate Hartfield. Surrey is full of beauties.

**Mrs. Elton:** Don't tell me about Surrey! I always say it is the garden of England!

**Emma:** Yes, but many counties are called that.

**Mrs. Elton:** Oh? I fancy not. I never heard any county but Surrey called so.

**Emma:** Well, I know little of other places. We're a quiet set of people, more

disposed to stay at home.

**Mrs. Elton:** Yes, your father's health must be a great drawback to your seeing the country. Why does he not try Bath? It would do him a world of good!

**Emma:** He has tried it before without any benefit.

**Mrs. Elton:** No! It will do him good, if only to improve his spirits, which, I

understand, are sometimes much depressed! You must take him! A line from

me, and you will have some of the best society in the place! A particular

friend there, Mrs. Paltry, -

**Emma:** I'm afraid going to Bath would be out of the question.

………Mrs. Elton! I have not asked if you were musical and that is because your reputation has preceded you. All the town knows that you are a superior

performer.

**Mrs. Elton:** Well, I am dotingly fond of music, and my friends say I'm not entirely devoid of taste! In fact, I told Mr. E., when he asked me to marry, I said

I did not need to have two carriages, as I did before, and I could

even accept a smaller house! My house was a good deal roomier, I assure

you. But no! The world is not necessary to me because I am blessed with so

many resources in here! But, said I, without music, my life would be a

blank. In fact, you and I must establish a musical club, and we could have

regular meetings at your house or ours, because I don't want to give up my

talent, do I?

**Emma:** Mrs. Elton, I'm certain it would take something more dramatic as a change of town to dislodge as great as your talent.

**Mrs. Elton:** Oh, well, I myself don't call it great! I only know that my friends think so. …………

Oh! We met the Westons. She is already a favorite with me! And I

was astonished that she was so ladylike! Was she not your governess?

**Emma:** Mrs. Weston's modest propriety makes her a model for any woman.

**Mrs. Elton:** And do you know who came in while we were there?

**Emma:** I cannot imagine!

**Mrs. Elton:** Knightley.

**Emma:** Knightley?

**Mrs. Elton:** Knightley! Ah, Mr. E's friend! Well, there's one friend with whom you need not be ashamed! Quite a gentleman!