

QUOTATIONS from Charles Dickens

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Letter to John Forster 1854

“I know that my Juvenile experiences went for little or nothing then; and that life was more like a great fairy story, which I was about to begin to read, than anything else.”

“A figure appeared in the distance before long, and I soon knew it to be Em’ly, who was a little creature still in stature, though she was grown. But when she drew nearer, and I saw her blue eyes looking blue, and her dimpled face looking brighter, and her whole self prettier and grayer, a curious feeling came over me that made me pretend not to know her...”

“There has been a time since- I do not say it lasted long, but it has been- when I have asked myself the question, would it have been better for little Emily to have had the waters close above her head that morning in my sight: and when I have answered Yes, it would have been.”

Suggestion dictate this first paragraph to the class.

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