



## Fill in the gaps

### The Gambler by Kenny Rogers

On a warm summer's evenin',  
On a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ bound for nowhere  
I met up with the gambler.  
We were (2)\_\_\_\_\_ too (3)\_\_\_\_\_ to sleep.  
So we took (4)\_\_\_\_\_ a-starin'  
Out the window at the darkness.  
When boredom (5)\_\_\_\_\_ us,  
He began to speak.  
He said, 'Son, I've (6)\_\_\_\_\_ my life  
Out of readin' people's faces.  
Knowin' (7)\_\_\_\_\_ the cards were  
By the way (8)\_\_\_\_\_ held their eyes.  
So if you don't mind my sayin',  
I can see you're out of aces,  
For a taste of your whiskey,  
I'll give you (9)\_\_\_\_\_ advice.'  
So I handed him my bottle,  
and he (10)\_\_\_\_\_ (11)\_\_\_\_\_ my (12)\_\_\_\_\_ swallow.  
Then he bummed a cigarette  
And asked me for a light.  
And the night got deathly quiet,  
And his (13)\_\_\_\_\_ lost all expression.  
He said, 'If  
You're gonna play the game, boy,  
You gotta learn to play it right.'  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know (15)\_\_\_\_\_ to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You (16)\_\_\_\_\_ count your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
Now every (17)\_\_\_\_\_ knows

The secret to survivin'  
Is knowin' what to throw away  
And knowin' (18)\_\_\_\_\_ to keep.  
'Cause (19)\_\_\_\_\_ hand's a winner  
And (20)\_\_\_\_\_ hand's a loser  
And the best you can hope for  
Is to die in your sleep.'  
And when he finished speakin',  
He turned back toward the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And faded off to sleep.  
And (21)\_\_\_\_\_ in the darkness,  
The gambler he broke even.  
And in his final words I found  
An ace that I could keep.  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know (22)\_\_\_\_\_ to fold 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You (23)\_\_\_\_\_ count your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
You've got to know  
When to (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em,  
Know when to (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know (26)\_\_\_\_\_ to walk away,  
Know (27)\_\_\_\_\_ to run.  
You never count your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.



Answer

1. train
2. both
3. tired
4. turns
5. overtook
6. made
7. what
8. they
9. some
10. drank
11. down
12. last
13. face
14. fold
15. when
16. never
17. gambler
18. what
19. every
20. every
21. somewhere
22. when
23. never
24. hold
25. fold
26. when
27. when

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