



Fill in the gaps

The Gambler by Kenny Rogers

On a warm summer's evenin',
On a train bound for nowhere
I met up with the gambler.
We were both too tired to sleep.
So we took turns a-starin'
Out the window at the darkness.
When boredom overtook us,
He began to speak.
He said, 'Son, I've made my life
Out of readin' people's faces.
Knowin' what the cards were
By the way they 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 some advice.'
So I (1)_____ him my bottle,
and he drank (2)_____ my last swallow.
Then he (3)_____ a cigarette
And asked me for a light.
And the night got deathly quiet,
And his face lost all expression.
He said, 'If
You're gonna play the game, boy,
You gotta learn to (4)_____ it right.'
You've got to know
When to hold 'em,
Know (5)_____ to fold 'em
Know when to walk away,
Know when 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.
Now every gambler knows

The secret to survivin'
Is knowin' what to throw away
And knowin' what to keep.
'Cause every hand's a winner
And every hand's a loser
And the best you can hope for
Is to die in (6)_____ sleep.'
And (7)_____ he finished speakin',
He turned back toward the window,
Crushed out his cigarette
And faded off to sleep.
And (8)_____ in the darkness,
The gambler he broke even.
And in his (9)_____ words I found
An ace that I could keep.
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Answer

1. handed
2. down
3. bummed
4. play
5. when
6. your
7. when
8. somewhere
9. final

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