



## The Gambler by Kenny Rogers

On a warm summer's evenin',  
On a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ bound for nowhere  
I met up (2)\_\_\_\_\_ the gambler.  
We (3)\_\_\_\_\_ both too tired to sleep.  
So we took turns a-starin'  
Out the window at the darkness.  
When boredom (4)\_\_\_\_\_ us,  
He (5)\_\_\_\_\_ to speak.  
He said, 'Son, I've made my life  
Out of readin' people's faces.  
Knowin' (6)\_\_\_\_\_ the cards were  
By the way (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ you some advice.'  
So I (9)\_\_\_\_\_ him my bottle,  
and he drank down my last swallow.  
Then he bummed 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 play it right.'  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to fold 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You (10)\_\_\_\_\_ (11)\_\_\_\_\_ your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be (12)\_\_\_\_\_ enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
Now (13)\_\_\_\_\_ gambler knows

## Fill in the gaps

The secret to survivin'  
Is knowin' (14)\_\_\_\_\_ to (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 your sleep.'  
And when he finished speakin',  
He turned (16)\_\_\_\_\_ (17)\_\_\_\_\_ the window,  
Crushed out his cigarette  
And (18)\_\_\_\_\_ off to sleep.  
And somewhere in the darkness,  
The gambler he (19)\_\_\_\_\_ even.  
And in his (20)\_\_\_\_\_ (21)\_\_\_\_\_ I found  
An ace that I (22)\_\_\_\_\_ keep.  
You've got to know  
When to hold 'em,  
Know when to fold 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (24)\_\_\_\_\_ your money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be (25)\_\_\_\_\_ enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.  
You've got to know  
When to (26)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em,  
Know when to (27)\_\_\_\_\_ 'em  
Know when to walk away,  
Know when to run.  
You never count (28)\_\_\_\_\_ money  
When you're sittin' at the table.  
There'll be time enough for countin'  
When the dealin's done.



Answer

**Fill in the gaps**

1. train
2. with
3. were
4. overtook
5. began
6. what
7. they
8. give
9. handed
10. never
11. count
12. time
13. every
14. what
15. throw
16. back
17. toward
18. faded
19. broke
20. final
21. words
22. could
23. never
24. count
25. time
26. hold
27. fold
28. your