

## Irony

An old man turned ninety-eight

He <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and died the next day

It's a black fly in your Chardonnay

It's a death row pardon <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

And isn't it ironic...don't you think?

It's like rain on your <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

It's a free ride when you've <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

It's the good advice that you just didn't take

And who would've thought...? It figures

Mr Play-It-Safe was afraid to fly

He <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and kissed his kids goodbye

He waited his whole damn life to take that flight

And as the plane <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ he thought

'Well isn't this nice...'

And isn't it ironic...don't you think?

It's like rain, etc.

Well, life has a funny way of sneaking up on you when

You think everything's okay and everything's going right

And life has a funny way of helping you out when

You think everything's gone wrong and everything blows up

In your face

A <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ when you're already late

A <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on your cigarette break

It's like ten thousand spoons when all you need is <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

It's meeting the man of my dreams

And then meeting <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Isn't it ironic...don't you think?

A little too ironic... yeah, I really do think.

It's like rain, etc.

Well, life has a funny way of sneaking up on you

And life has a funny funny way of helping you out, helping you out.

- a** Read the song and try to match gaps 1–10 with a phrase A–J.

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| A already paid         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B won the lottery      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C crashed down         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D his beautiful wife   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E no-smoking sign      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| F packed his suitcase  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| G wedding day          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| H traffic jam          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I a knife              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| J two minutes too late | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- b** Listen and check your answers.

### Glossary

ironic = strange or amusing because it's the opposite of what you expected

Chardonnay = a kind of white wine

death row = the cells in a prison for prisoners waiting to be executed

It figures. = It makes sense.

sneaking up on you = surprising you

blows up = explodes

### Song facts

*Irony* was written and first recorded by the Canadian singer Alanis Morissette in 1995. It was her third single and her first top ten hit. It was nominated for a Grammy in the category 'Record of the Year' and in 1996 won the MTV Award for 'Best Female Video'.

