

Irony

An old man turned ninety-eight

He ¹ _____ and died the next day

It's a black fly in your Chardonnay

It's a death row pardon ² _____

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

It's like rain on your ³ _____

It's a free ride when you've ⁴ _____

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 ⁵ _____ and kissed his kids goodbye

He waited his whole damn life to take that flight

And as the plane ⁶ _____ 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 ⁷ _____ when you're already late

A ⁸ _____ on your cigarette break

It's like ten thousand spoons when all you need is ⁹ _____

It's meeting the man of my dreams

And then meeting ¹⁰ _____

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 | ☐ |
| B won the lottery | ☐ |
| C crashed down | ☐ |
| D his beautiful wife | ☐ |
| E no-smoking sign | ☐ |
| F packed his suitcase | ☐ |
| G wedding day | ☐ |
| H traffic jam | ☐ |
| I a knife | ☐ |
| J two minutes too late | ☐ |

- 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'.

