THE GAMBLER

4 /4 time

Based on the 1976 composition by Don Schlitz and recordings by Johnny Cash, Kenny Rogers and others

Intro.	Α	Α							
Verse 1		A warm summ	ner's evening	D on a train bo	A ound for no	where			
	E I met up with a gambler, we were both too tired to sleep								
	A So, w	e took turns	a starin' out t	D the window a	A at the dark	ness			
	'Till b	oredom ove	ertook us, and		A speak		Α		
Verse 2	He sa	A id son I've r	nade a life ou	D t of readin' p	A beoples' fac	es			
	E And knowing what their cards were by the way they held their eyes								
	And i	A f you don't :	mind me sayi	D n' I can see y	vou're out o	A of aces			
	For a	taste of you	r whiskey I'll	E give you son	A ne advice		Α		
Verse 3	A So I h	-	the bottle and	D he drank do	own my las	A t swallov	V		
	E Then he bummed a cigarette and asked me for a light								
	And t	A he night got	t deathly quie	D t and his face		A pression			
	Said,	if you're goı	nna play the g	game, boy, yo	E ou gotta lea	arn to pla	A y it right		
Chorus	You g	A got to know	when to hold	D 'em, know w	A when to fold	d 'em			
	D Know	A when to wa	alk away and	know when	E to run		Е		
	You r	A never count y	your money v	-	D sittin' at the	A e table			
	There	'll be time e	nough for cou	E Inting, when	the dealin	A 's done	Α		

Key change	D	D	D	D						
Verse 4	D G D Every gambler knows that the secret to survivin'									
	A Is knowing what to throw away and knowing what to keep									
	D G D 'Cause every hand's a winner and every hand's a loser									
	And the best that you can hope for is to die in your sleep									
Key change	Α	Α	А	Α						
Verse 5	A And when he'd	finished spe	D akin' he turned	A back to the wind	low					
	E Crushed out his cigarette and faded off to sleep									
Play	A And somewhere	e in the darkn	D ess the gambler	A he broke even						
quietly	But in his final	words I foun	E d an ace that I c	A could keep	A					
Chorus	A You got to know	w when to ho	D ld 'em, know w	A hen to fold 'em						
		A walk away ai	nd know when t	E to run	Ε					
	A D A You never count your money when you're sittin' at the table									
	EAAThere'll be time enough for counting, when the dealin's done									
Key change	D	D	D	D						
Chorus	D You got to know	w when to ho	G ld 'em, know w	D hen to fold 'em						
	G Know when to	Α								
	D You never cour									
	There'll be time	enough for c	A counting, when	D the dealin's done	D} one beat e }& stop					