

## The Gambler

Key: A

A D A  
On a warm summer's evening on a train bound for nowhere

D A E7  
I met up with the gambler we were both too tired to sleep

A D A  
So we took turns a staring out the window at the darkness

D A E7 A  
Till boredom overtook us and he began to speak, he said

A D A  
Son I've made a life out of reading people's faces

D A E7  
And knowing what their cards were by the way they held their eyes, and  
if

A D A  
you don't mind my saying I can see you're out of aces

D A E7 A  
For a taste of your whiskey I'll give you some advice

A D A  
So I handed him my bottle and he drank down my last swallow

D A E7  
Then he bummed a cigarette and asked me for a light

A D A  
And the night got deathly quiet and his face lost all expression

D A E7 A  
Said if you're gonna play the game boy ya gotta learn to play it right

CH:

D A  
You got to know when to hold 'em know when to fold 'em

D A E7  
know when to walk away and know when to run

A D A  
You never count your money when you're sitting at the table

D A E7 A  
There'll be time enough for counting when the dealings done

**A** **D** **A**  
Every gambler knows that the secret to surviving  
**D** **A** **E7**  
Is knowing what to throw away and knowing what to keep  
**A** **D** **A**  
Cause every hand's a winner and every hand's a loser  
**D** **A** **E7** **A**  
And the best that you can hope for is to die in your sleep

**A** **D** **A**  
And when he'd finished speaking he turned to face the window  
**D** **A** **E7**  
Crushed out his cigarette and faded off to sleep  
**A** **D** **A**  
And somewhere in the darkness the gambler he broke even  
**D** **A** **E7** **A**  
But in his final words I found an ace that I could keep

**CHORUS ( x3)**

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