“The Necklace” – Irony Lesson

1. Distribute copies of “Ironic” lyrics. Play song for students, having them follow along. They should underline, highlight or otherwise mark instances of situational irony in song. (10 minutes) Optional: have students follow along as teacher reads lyrics aloud.
2. Have students do a Think/Pair/Share. They should think about their own personal example of situational irony, pair with a neighbor and share with neighbor orally their example (5 minutes).
3. Discuss, as a class, situational irony examples from song and Think/Pair/Share. (15 minutes)
4. Read “The Necklace” and discuss all the irony involved.

**"Ironic"**  
  
An old man turned ninety-eight  
He won the lottery and died the next day  
It's a black fly in your Chardonnay  
It's a death row pardon two minutes too late  
And isn't it ironic... don't you think  
  
It's like rain on your wedding day  
It's a free ride when you've already paid  
It's the good advice that you just didn't take  
Who would've thought... it figures  
  
Mr. Play It Safe was afraid to fly  
He packed his suitcase and kissed his kids goodbye  
He waited his whole damn life to take that flight  
And as the plane crashed down he thought  
"Well isn't this nice..."  
And isn't it ironic... don't you think  
  
It's like rain on your wedding day  
It's a free ride when you've already paid  
It's the good advice that you just didn't take  
Who would've thought... it figures  
  
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 traffic jam when you're already late  
A no-smoking sign on your cigarette break  
It's like ten thousand spoons when all you need is a knife  
It's meeting the man of my dreams  
And then meeting his beautiful wife  
And isn't it ironic...don't you think  
A little too ironic...and, yeah, I really do think...  
  
It's like rain on your wedding day  
It's a free ride when you've already paid  
It's the good advice that you just didn't take  
Who would've thought... it figures  
  
Life has a funny way of sneaking up on you  
Life has a funny, funny way of helping you out  
Helping you out