

Key to “The importance of being idle”

1. Listen to the song and complete the gaps.

I sold my soul for the time **SECOND**
‘cause the man, he don’t pay me.
I begged my **LANDLORD** for some more time
He said: “Son, the **BILL** ‘s waiting”.
My best friend call me the other night
He said: “Man, are you **CRAZY?**”
My **GIRLFRIEND** told me to get a life
She said: “Boy, you **LAZY!**”

I lost my faith in the **SUMMERTIME**
‘cause it don’t stop raining
The sky all day is as **DARK** as night
But I’m not **COMPLAINING**
I begged my doctor for one more line
He said: “**SON**, words fail me!”
It ain’t no place to be killing time
I guess I’m just **LAZY**

2. Listen to the song again and put the chorus in the correct order.

- 4_ I’ll be fine,
- 7_ I can’t get a life if my heart is not in it
- 1_ But I don’t mind,
- 6_ A man’s got a limit
- 2_ As long as there’s a bed beneath
- 5_ If you give me a minute
- 3_ the stars that shine.

3. Practice time! Write the verses in bold using the reported speech.

- 1) He said (that) the bill was waiting.
- 2) My best friend / He asked me if/whether I was crazy.
- 3) My girlfriend told me / said (that) I was lazy.
- 4) My doctor said (that) words failed him.

4. Match the following words to their vowel sounds.

time long summer minute son guess soul man girlfriend lazy dark shine faith sold landlord just
word star lost limit boy black bed fail sky

/æ/	/ɑ:/	/ʌ/	/e/	/ɪ/	/ɒ/	/ɔ:/
man	dark	summer	bed	minute	lost	long
landlord	star	son	guess	limit		landlord
black		just				
/ɜ:/	/aɪ/	/eɪ/	/ɔɪ/	/əʊ/		
girlfriend	time	lazy	boy	soul		
word	shine	faith		sold		
	sky	fail				