

* Something unexpected does not mean it's irony.

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Alanis Morissette's "Ironic"

NOT IRONIC - BAD Luck!

98 yrs old death is expected

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

Bad timing not ironic could turn into irony if more backstory

unlucky - not ironic

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

ex: girlfriend fighting for innocence sets clocks ahead

FOOLISH

If you are told to do something - you don't listen - something bad happens -> THAT'S IRONY

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

VERBAL IRONY

If he planned safe airline, weather bird patterns & still crashed -> IRON (SITUATIONAL)

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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 - BAD LUCK
A no-smoking sign on your cigarette break
It's like ten thousand spoons when all you need is a knife

Each incident has potential for irony if you add more info.

All the good ones are taken -> EXPECT IT: that he's taken

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...

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Helping you out