



Cups (Pitch Perfect's "When I'm Gone") Anna Kendrick – Notes



- **Activity types:** listening for specific words
- **Level:** Elementary/Pre-Intermediate
- **Vocabulary:** to miss
- **Grammar:** going to
- **Notes:** The Cup Game involves tapping and hitting a cup using a defined rhythm. Anna Kendrick used it in her performance of 'When I'm Gone' in the 2012 film *Pitch Perfect*.

1. Ask students what the verb 'to miss something' means. What can they miss?
Key: the focus here is on the meaning 'to feel the absence of something', but it can also mean 'to fail to hit a target', 'to fail to attend', 'to avoid' or 'to omit'.
2. Ask students to imagine their closest friend is leaving. What would they miss about them?
Key: students' own answers. Elicit also 'how they walk', 'how they talk', 'their hair'.
3. Play the song, students note the things that the singer's friend will miss. Why is the song called 'Cups'?
Key: the title takes its name from Kendrick's percussion instrument: a plastic cup, which she shuffles around like a person playing the Cup Game.
4. Give students a copy of the worksheet and ask them to look at the lyrics. Can they see any mistakes in the lyrics?
(Note the words 'two bottle o' whiskey', this should be 'two bottles of whiskey'.)
Play the song again and ask students to correct as necessary.
Key: See Complete lyrics
5. Grammar focus: *going to*
Point out that 'gonna' is slang for 'going to'. Ask students to discuss and complete the activity.
Key:
 - a) student's own answers,
 - b) (suggested) - Look at the clouds. It's going to rain.
 - He is playing so well. He is going to win.
 - I'm so tired. I'm going to be ill.
 - Look at the sun. It's going to be a nice day.
6. Sing together. Can students do the Cup Game?



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Listen to the song, find the mistakes and correct them.

I got my ticket for the long way 'round
Two bottle o' whiskey for the day
And I sure would like some sweet company
And I'm leavin' tomorrow, what do you pay?

When I'm gone

When I'm gone, gone

You're gonna miss me when I'm gone

You're gonna miss me by my fair

You're gonna miss me everywhere, oh

You're gonna miss me when I'm gone

When I'm gone

When I'm gone

You're gonna miss me when I'm gone

You're gonna miss me by my knock

You're gonna miss me by my sock, oh

You're gonna miss me when I'm gone

I got my ticket for the long way 'round

The one with the prettiest of cruise

It's got mountains, it's got givers

It's got sights give you livers

But it sure would be prettier with you

When I'm gone

When I'm gone

You're gonna miss me when I'm gone

You're gonna miss me by my knock

You're gonna miss me by my sock, oh

You're gonna miss me when I'm gone

When I'm gone

When I'm gone

You're gonna miss me when I'm gone

You're gonna miss me by my fair

You're gonna miss me everywhere

Oh, you're sure gonna miss me when I'm gone

When I'm gone

When I'm gone

You're gonna miss me when I'm gone

You're gonna miss me by my knock

You're gonna miss me by my sock, oh

You're gonna miss me when I'm gone

To be going to - Work with a partner

a) Future plans and intentions made before you speak.

1. What are you going to do after you finish school?

2. What are you going to do tonight?

b) predictions based on evidence/your experience.

Look at the clouds

She is playing so well

I'm so tired

Look at the sun



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I got my ticket for the long way 'round
Two bottle o' whiskey for the **way**
And I sure would like some sweet company
And I'm leavin' tomorrow, what do you **say**?
When I'm gone
When I'm gone, gone
You're gonna miss me when I'm gone
You're gonna miss me by my **hair**
You're gonna miss me everywhere, oh
You're gonna miss me when I'm gone
When I'm gone
When I'm gone

You're gonna miss me when I'm gone
You're gonna miss me by my **walk**
You're gonna miss me by my **talk**, oh
You're gonna miss me when I'm gone

I got my ticket for the long way 'round
The one with the prettiest of **views**
It's got mountains, it's got **rivers**
It's got sights give you **shivers**
But it sure would be prettier with you
When I'm gone
When I'm gone

You're gonna miss me when I'm gone
You're gonna miss me by my **walk**
You're gonna miss me by my **talk**, oh
You're gonna miss me when I'm gone

When I'm gone
When I'm gone
You're gonna miss me when I'm gone
You're gonna miss me by my **hair**
You're gonna miss me everywhere
Oh, you're sure gonna miss me when I'm gone

When I'm gone
When I'm gone
You're gonna miss me when I'm gone
You're gonna miss me by my **walk**
You're gonna miss me by my **talk**, oh
You're gonna miss me when I'm gone