

a Listen to the song once. Tick (✓) the travel-related problems that the singer mentions.

Feeling tired after a long-haul flight

Losing a suitcase

Being robbed

Rude waiters

Flight overbooking

Almost missing a flight

Being irritated by a travelling companion

Disappointing food

Bad weather

Unsatisfactory accommodation

Crowded beaches

b Now listen again with the lyrics and check your answers.

I Wish I Could Go Travelling Again

I wish I could go travelling again
It feels like this summer will never end
And I've had such good offers from several of my friends
I wish I could go travelling again

I want to sit in my shades, sipping my latte
Beneath the awning of a famous café
Jet-lagged and with our luggage gone astray
I wish I could go travelling again

I want a waiter to give us a reprimand
In a language neither of us understand
While we argue about the customs of the land
I wish I could go travelling again

I want to sit in traffic anxious about our plane
While your blasé comments drive me half insane
I want to dash for shelter with you through the tropical rain
I wish I could go travelling again

I want to be awakened by a faulty fire alarm
In an overpriced hotel devoid of charm
Then fall asleep again back in your arms
I wish I could go travelling again

But how can I ever go travelling again
When I know I'll just keep remembering again
When I know I'll just be gathering again
Reminders to break my heart?

I wish could go travelling again, etc.

c Find words in the song which mean:

- _____ *noun (informal)* sunglasses
- _____ *verb* drink, taking very small amounts each time
- _____ *noun* a sheet of strong cloth that stretches out from above a door or window to keep off the sun or rain
- _____ **IDM** to become lost / stolen
- _____ *adj* not impressed, excited or worried about sth, because you have seen or experienced it many times before
- _____ *verb* go somewhere suddenly and quickly
- _____ *adj* not perfect; not working correctly
- _____ *adj* too expensive; costing more than it is worth
- _____ ~ of sth, completely lacking in sth

d Read and listen to the song again. What do you think the main message of the song is?



Song facts

This song was sung by Stacey Kent, an American jazz singer. The lyrics were written by Kazuo Ishiguro, the Japanese / British writer, most famous for the novel *The Remains of the Day*.