

# Goodnight Irene

Words & Music:  
Huddie Ledbetter & John Lomax (1950)

CHORUS:

C            G            G7            C  
Irene, goodnight. Irene, goodnight.  
C            C7            F            G7            C  
Goodnight, Irene, goodnight Irene, I'll see you in my dreams.

C                            G            G7                            C  
Sometimes I live in the country, sometimes I live in town.  
C            C7                            F            G7                            C  
Sometimes I have a great notion to jump in the river and drown.

CHORUS:

Quit rambling and quit gambling, quit staying out late at night,  
Stay home with your wife and family, sit down by the fireside bright.

CHORUS:

I love Irene, God knows I do, I'll love her 'til the seas run dry.  
And if Irene turns her back on me, I'll take morphine and die.

CHORUS:

You cause me to weep, you cause me to mourn,  
You caused me to leave my home.  
But the very last words I heard her say was  
"Please sing me one more song."