

# Good Night, Irene

(By Huddie "Leadbelly" Ledbetter)

**G** **Am** **D7** **G**  
I asked your mother for you, she told me you were too young.  
**G** **G7** **Am** **C**  
I wish, dear Lord, I'd never seen your face;  
**D7** **G**  
I'm sorry you've ever been born.

## CHORUS:

**G Am** **D7** **G**  
Irene, good ni-i-ight... Irene, good night.  
**G7** **Am** **C** **D7** **G**  
Goodnight, Irene, good night, Irene, I'll see you in my dreams.

**G** **Am** **D7** **G**  
Sometimes I live in the country, sometimes I live in the town.  
**G** **G7** **Am** **C** **D7** **G**  
Sometimes I have a great no-o-tion, to jump in the river and drown.

## (Repeat Chorus)

**G** **Am** **D7** **G**  
I love Irene, God knows I do; love her 'til the sea runs dry.  
**G** **G7** **Am** **C** **D7** **G**  
If Irene turns her back on me, I'm gonna take morphine and die.

## (Repeat Chorus)

**G** **Am** **D7** **G**  
Stop ramblin', stop your gamblin'; quit stayin' out late at night.  
**G** **G7** **Am** **C** **D7** **G**  
Come home to your love and family, sit down by the fireside bright.

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