Good Night, Irene

(By Huddie "Leadbelly" Ledbetter & John Lomax), in 3/4 time

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
Last Saturday night, I got married; me and wife settled down.
G G7 Am C D7 G
Now me and my wife are par-ar-ted; I'm gonna take another stroll downtown.

(Repeat Chorus)

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 go jump in the river and drown.

(Repeat Chorus)

G Am D7 G
I love Irene, Lord knows I do; love her 'til the sea runs dry.
G G7 Am C D7 G
If Irene won't come back to me, I'm gonna drink some booze and cry.

(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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