

Irene

Gussie Lord Davis

Chorus

Verse

Playing Notes: none.

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(Goodnight, Irene) (Huddie Ledbetter's Lyrics)

Chorus: Irene, good night. Irene, good night
 Good night Irene, Good night Irene,
 I'll see you in my dreams

1. Last Saturday night I got married.
 Me and my wife settled down.
 Now me and my wife have parted.
 I'm gonna take a little stroll downtown.
 (Chorus)
2. Some times I live in the country,
 Some times I live in town.
 Some times I take a great notion -
 To jump in the river and drown.
 (Chorus)
3. Quit your rambling, quit your gambling,
 Stop staying out late at night.
 Stay home with your wife and family,
 And stay by the fireside of right.
 (Chorus x2)

A 19th century song written and published as "Goodnight, Irene" in 1886 by Gussie Lord Davis, an African American songwriter. The song (by then much altered) was first recorded in 1932 by American musician Huddie "Leadbelly" Ledbetter, who claimed he had learned the song from his uncle.

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