

Goodnight Irene – Leadbelly (1933) (3/4 Waltz time)

Intro : **G C G D7** (1 bar of each)

G	/	D7	/	D7	/	G	/	Chorus
I....	rene	goodnight,		I... rene	goodnight			
G		<i>G7</i>		C		<i>Am</i>		
Goodnight I-rene,		Good night I-rene						
D7	/	G	/					
I'll see you in my dreams								

Chords

Am

C

D7

G

G7

G / **D7** /

Last Saturday night I got married,

D7 / **G** /

me and my wife settled down

G *G7* **C** /

Now me and my wife have parted

D7 / **G** *D7*

Gonna take another stroll down town

Chorus

G / **D7** /

Sometimes I live in the country,

D7 / **G** /

Sometimes I live in the town

G *G7* **C** /

Sometimes I take a fool notion,

D7 / **G** *D7*

to jump in the river and drown

Chorus

G / **D7** /

Quit your rambling, quit your gambling,

D7 / **G** /

Stop staying out late at night

G *G7* **C** /

Go home to your wife and family

D7 / **G** *D7*

And stay by the fireside bright

Chorus (x2)

Note: Chord changes in italics (*D7*) are optional