

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

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

**Chorus**

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

**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

## Chords

