

Goodnight Irene - Lead Belly // 1943 // key: F // 3/4 time // In the style of The Weavers

Intro: | F | F |

F **C⁷** **C⁷** **F**
Chorus: Irene goodnight, Irene goodnight
F - F⁷ **B^b - Gm** **C⁷** **F**
Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene, I'll see you in my dreams

F **C⁷**
1. Last Saturday night I got married
C⁷ **F**
Me and my wife settle down
F - F⁷ **B^b - Gm**
Now me and my wife are parted
C⁷ **F**
I'm gonna take another stroll down town

Chorus: [Repeat chorus]

F **C⁷**
2. Sometimes I live in the country
C⁷ **F**
Sometimes I live in town
F - F⁷ **B^b - Gm**
Sometimes I take great notion
C⁷ **F**
To jump into the river and drown

Chorus: [Repeat chorus]

F **C⁷**
3. You caused me to weep, you caused me to mourn
C⁷ **F**
You caused me to leave my home
F - F⁷ **B^b - Gm**
But the very last words I heard her say
C⁷ **F**
Was please sing me one more song

Chorus: [Repeat chorus]

F **C⁷**
4. Stop ramblin', stop your gamblin'
C⁷ **F**
Stop staying out late at night
F - F⁷ **B^b - Gm**
Go home to your wife and your family
C⁷ **F**
Stay there by your fireside bright

Chorus: [Repeat chorus]

F - F⁷ **B^b - Gm** **C⁷** **F**
Outro: Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene, I'll see you in my dreams

Intro: | E | E |

E B⁷ B⁷ E
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Chorus: [Repeat chorus]

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Chorus: [Repeat chorus]

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Chorus: [Repeat chorus]

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Chorus: [Repeat chorus]

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Outro: Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene, I'll see you in my dreams