

Irene Goodnight

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Refrain:

Irene goodnight, Irene goodnight
Good night Irene, good night Irene
I'll see (get) you in my dreams

Sometimes I live in the country, sometimes I live in the town
Sometimes I have a great notion to jump in the river and drown

Quit ramblin' and quit gamblin', quit stayin' out late at night
Stay home with your wife and family, sit down by the fireside bright

I asked your mother for you, she said you was too young
I wished to God I'd never seen your face, I's sorry you ever was born

I love Irene, God knows I do, I'll lover her till the seas run dry
And if Irene turns her back on me, I'll take morphine and die

You cause me to weep, you cause me to mourn, you cause me to leave my
home
But the very last words I heard her say was, "Please sing me one more
song."