

# 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**

