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Huddie Ledbetter & John Lomax (1950)

CHORUS:

C G G7 C
Irene, goodnight. Irene, goodnight.
C C7 F G7 C
Goodnight, Irene, goodnight Irene, I'll see you in my dreams.

C G G7 C
Sometimes I live in the country, sometimes I live in town.
C C7 F G7 C
Sometimes I have a great notion to jump in the river and drown.

CHORUS:

Quit rambling and quit gambling, quit staying out late at night,
Stay home with your wife and family, sit down by the fireside bright.

CHORUS:

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

CHORUS:

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