

Goodnight Irene

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Chorus: I - rene - Good night - I - rene Good -

The first system of music is in 3/4 time, key of D major. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a half note 'I', followed by quarter notes 're', 'ne', and 'Good', then a half note 'night', and continues with 'I', 're', and 'Good'.

night. Good night, I - rene, Good - night, I - rene, I'll see you

The second system continues the vocal line with 'night.' followed by 'Good night, I - rene, Good - night, I - rene, I'll see you'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the left hand and single notes in the right hand.

in my dreams

The third system shows the vocal line with 'in my dreams' and a long melisma line. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

(Verses - same melody as chorus)
Last Saturday night I got married
Me and my wife settled down
Me and my wife have parted
Gonna [take another stroll down town.

Sometimes I live in the country
Sometimes I live in town
Sometimes I have a great notion
To jump into 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 told me 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 love her till the seas run dry
And if Irene turns her back on me
I'd 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"