

A E A
*Irene goodnight, Irene goodnight
Goodnight Irene, goodnight Irene
E A D A
I'll kiss you in my dreams

} CHORUS

"Goodnight Irene"

Huddie Leadbetter

(Leadbelly)

key of A

A E
I asked your mother for you
She told me you was too young
I wished to God I'd never seen your face
E A D A
I's sorry you ever was born

*CHORUS

A E
Sometimes I lives in the country
Sometimes I lives in town
Sometimes I has a great notion
E A D A
To jump into the river and drown

*CHORUS

A
Stop ramblin'
and stop gamblin'
and stayin' out late at night
Go home with your wife and family
E A D A
Sit down by the fireside bright

*CHORUS

A E
I love Irene, God knows I do
I'll love her till the sea runs dry
If Irene ever turns her back on me
E A D A
I'm gonna take morphine and die

*CHORUS