

Goodnight Irene

Joseph Spence

Irene goodnight, irene goodnight
Goodnight irene, goodnight irene

I'll see you in my dreams

Sometimes I live in the country

Sometimes I live in town

Sometimes I have a great notion
To jump into the river and drown

Irene goodnight, irene goodnight
Goodnight irene, goodnight irene

I'll see you in my dreams

Quit ramblin' and quit gamblin'

Quit stayin' out late at night

Stay home with your wife and family

Sit down by the fireside bright
Irene goodnight, irene goodnight

Goodnight irene, goodnight irene
I'll see you in my dreams

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

Irene goodnight, irene goodnight
Goodnight irene, goodnight irene

I'll see you in my dreams

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

Irene goodnight, irene goodnight
Goodnight irene, goodnight irene

I'll see you in my dreams

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"

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