Lonesome Mama Blues
E. Nickel, A.W. Brown & Billie Brown 1922 practice sheet ukesterbrown.com (1st note sung is “C”)

Verse 1:
C7 F7 Bb C#7 C7 F7 Bb C#7
Just hear that whistle blow, I want you all to know,
C7 F C7 F C7 F C#7
That train is taking my sweet man away from me today,
C7 F7 Bb C#7 C7 F Cm6 D7
Don’t know the reason why, I must sigh and cry,
G7 C7
But somethin’ ‘bout him makes me feel this way- That’s why I say:

Chorus:
F Fdim F Fdim G7
I’ve got those Lonesome Mama Blues, Since my love has been refused
C7 F
My poor heart’s grievin’, Because he’s leavin’me,
C7 F C#7 C7 F Fdim F Fdim
But wait and see, Someday he’ll come back again,
G7
On that very same old train,
F C7 G7 C7
I know he’ll never find another gal so good and kind,
F7 Bb D7
Ev’ry night upon my knees I’ll pray the Lord above,
G7 C7 C+
Hear my plea, send back to me the only man I love,
F Fdim F Fdim G7
Lord my pray’r now don’t refuse, His sweet love don’t let me lose,
C7 C#7 C7 F (end F6)
I’m just a Lonesome Mama, singing Lonesome Mama Blues.

Verse 2:
C7 F7 Bb C#7 C7 F7 Bb C#7
You know I loved him so, Tell me why did he go,
C7 F C7 F C7 F C#7
And leave me here to grieve my heart away all night and day,
C7 F7 Bb C#7 C7 F Cm6 D7
He promised to be true, And he’ll be sorry too,
G7 C7
He left his Mama sittin’ here alone- To cry and moan.
(Cm6=2333)