

## Hello! Ma Baby

by Ida Emerson and Joseph E. Howard 1899 practice sheet @ ukesterbrown.com (1st note sung is a "G")

### Verse 1:

G7 C G7  
I've got a little baby, but she's out of sight, I talk to her across the telephone;

I've never seen ma honey, but she's mine, all right;

C

So take my tip, and leave this gal alone!

Ev'ry single morning, you will hear me yell,

A7 Dm

"Hey Central! fix me up along the line."

G7 C A7

He connects me with ma honey Then I ring the bell,

D7 G7

And this is what I say to Baby Mine:

### Chorus:

C A7 D7

"Hello! ma Baby, Hello! ma honey, Hello! ma ragtime gal,

G7 C D7 G7

Send me a kiss by wire, Baby, my heart's on fire!

C A7 D7

If you refuse me, Honey, you'll lose me, Then you'll be left alone;

G7 C

Oh baby, telephone And tell me I'm your own, Hello! hello! hello there! "  
(repeat chorus)

### Verse 2:

G7 C  
This morning, through the phone, She said her name was Bess.

G7

And now I kind of know where I am at;

I'm satisfied because I've got my babe's address,

C

Here, pasted in the lining of my hat.

I am mighty scared, 'Cause if the wires get crossed,

A7 Dm

'Twill separate me from ma baby mine,

G7 C A7

Then some other guy will win her, And my game is lost,

D7 G7

And so each day I shout along the line: (To Chorus)