Lonesome Mama Blues

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

Verse 1:

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 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:
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Chorus:

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       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.
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Verse 2:

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 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)
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