

# HELLO! MA BABY

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## Verse 1:

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

**G7**  
I've never seen ma honey, but she's mine, all right;

**D#dim** **C**  
So take my tip, and leave this gal alone!

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

**A7** **Dm**  
"Hey Central! fix me up along the line."

**F** **B7** **C** **A7**  
He connects me with ma honey Then I ring the bell,

**D7** **G7** **C#dim** **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** **B7** **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** **Cdim** **Dm7** **G7**  
Oh baby, telephone And tell me I'm your own.

## Verse 2:

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

**C#dim** **G7**  
And now I kind of know where I am at;

**G7**  
I'm satisfied because I've got my babe's address,

**D#dim** **C**  
Here, pasted in the lining of my hat.

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

**A7** **Dm**  
'Twill separate me from ma baby mine,

**F** **B7** **C** **A7**  
Then some other guy will win her, And my game is lost,

**D7** **G7** **C#dim** **G7**  
And so each day I shout along the line: **(To Chorus)**