Of things I should be thankful for, I've had a goodly share

And as I sit here in the comfort of a cozy chair

My fancy takes me to a humble east side tenement

Three flights up in the rear to where my childhood days were spent

It wasn't much like paradise, but 'mid the dirt and all

There sat the sweetest angel, one that I fondly call

A Yiddishe Mame, es gibt nit beser oyf der welt.

A Yiddishe Mame, oy vey vi biter ven zi felt,

Vi sheyn un likhtig iz in hoyz, ven di mame'z do,

Vi troyerik finster vert, ven Gott nemt ir oyf oylem habo.
In vaser in fayer, volt zi ge-lofn far ir kind,

Nit haltn ir tayer. Dos iz gevis di greste zind.

Oy vi gliklekh un raykh iz der mentsh vos hot,

Aza sheyne ma-tone ge-shenkt fun Gott,

Nor an altitshke Yiddishe Mame, oy Mame mayn.

My Yiddishe Mama, I need her more than ever now

My Yiddishe Mama, I'd love to kiss that wrinkled brow

I long to hold her hand once more as in days gone by

And ask her to for-give me....... for things I did that made her cry

How few were her pleasures, she never cared for fashion styles

Her jewels and her treasures, she found them in her babies' smiles

Oh, I know that I owe what I am today to that dear little lady, so old and gray

To that wonderful Yiddishe Mama.....Oh Mama of mine!
A YIDDISHE MAME—Jack Yellen/Lew Pollack

Dm A7 Dm Gm Dm Gm Dm
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A7 Dm Gm Dm E7 A7
And as I sit here in the comfort of a cozy chair

C7 Fm C7 Fm Bbm6 Fm C7
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Fm C7 Fm C7 Fm Bbm6 C7
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A7 Dm A7 Dm Gm Dm Gm Dm
It wasn't much like paradise, but 'mid the dirt and all

Gm6 Dm E7 A7
There sat the sweetest angel, one that I fondly call

Dm Em7b5
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A7 Dm
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Gm Gm7 Gm6 A7 Dm
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Gm Gm7 Gm6 A7 Dm
Vi troyerik finster vert, ven Gott nemt ir oyf oylem habo.

Dm Dm#5 Dm6 Dm7 Em7b5 A7
In vaser in fayer, volt zi ge-lofn far ir kind,

Em7b5 A7 Dm
Nit haltn ir tayer. Dos iz gevis di greste zind.

Gm Dm Gm Gm6
Oy vi gliklekh un raykh iz der mentsh vos hot,

Dm Dm#5 Dm6 Dm7
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Gm Gm7 Gm6 A7 Dm A7
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Gm  Gm7  Gm6  A7  Dm
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Dm  Dm#5  Dm6  Dm7  Em7b5  A7
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Gm  Gm7  Gm6  Dm  Dm#5  Dm6  Dm
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