

# DARLIN' COREY

Traditional Old-Time, Bluegrass; **DATE:** Early 1900's (1927 by Shelton and Kazee); **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Roots; **OTHER NAMES:** Darling Cora; Corey, Corey; Little Lulie; **RECORDED BY:** Buell Kazee (1927); Monroe Brothers (1936); Doc Watson; Seldom Scene; Kingston Trio; **NOTES:** Darlin' Corey is a recent "hit" for Bruce Hornsby.

Wake up wake up darl - in' Cor - ey \_\_\_\_\_ What  
makes you sleep so \_\_\_\_\_ sound \_\_\_\_\_ The re - ve - nue of - fic - ers are  
com - ing \_\_\_\_\_ They're gon - na tear your still house \_\_\_\_\_ down. \_\_\_\_\_

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**D** **A** **D**  
Wake up, wake up Darlin' Corey, What makes you sleep so sound?  
**C** **D**  
The revenue officers are coming, They're gonna tear your still-house down.

**D** **A** **D**  
Well the first time I seen Darlin' Corey, She was sitting by the banks of the sea  
**C** **D**  
Had a forty-four around her body, And a five string on her knee.

Go away, go away Darlin' Corey, Quit hanging around my bed  
Your liquor has ruined my body, Pretty women gone to my head.

Dig a hole, dig a hole in the meadow, Dig a hole in the cold damp ground  
Dig a hole, dig a hole in the meadow, We're gonna lay Darlin' Corey down.

Can't you hear them bluebirds a-singing, Don't you hear that mournful sound?  
Dig a hole, dig a hole in the meadow, We're gonna lay Darlin' Corey down.