

# MOUNTAIN DEW

Old-Time and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** 1920; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Bascam Lamar Lunsford- 1928; Delmore Brothers- 1940; Brickman, Weissberg & Company; Curly Fox; Lula Belle & Scotty; Uncle Dave Macon; Doc Watson; **OTHER NAMES:** Old Mountain Dew; Good Ol' Mountain Dew; Real Old Mountain Dew. **NOTES:** The original "Mountain Dew" was created by banjoist Bascom Lunsford, who has directed a mountain folk festival in Asheville, North Carolina, for almost 30 years. About 1920 I composed the words and the tune to this song, and I put it on a Brunswick record about 1928. Of course, it was somewhat stilted, but it did very well as a record. But following that, the eminent singer 'Scotty,' Scott Wiseman of Lulu Belle and Scotty fame, added some more modernized stanzas, sang it, put it on a record, and it was re-popularized. Now we hear it on every hand by the folk singers and entertainers there with their own words, and the tune has stayed very much the same way, but it's well to know the growth of the thing. So I will give just as I composed it in 1920."

There's an ol' holl - er tree down the road here from me Where you lay down a  
dol - lar or two. You go 'round the bend and when you come back a -  
gain There's a pint of that good ol' moun - tain dew.

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**Chorus:** Oh they call it that good ol' mountain dew, And them that refuse it are few.  
I'll hush up my mug if you'll fill up my jug, With that good ol' mountain dew.

There's an old hollow tree down the road here from me  
Where you can lay down a dollar or two.  
You go 'round the bend and when you come back again  
There's a pint of that good old mountain dew. *Chorus*

My uncle Bill has a still on the hill, Where he runs off a gallon or two  
The buzzards in the sky get so high that they can't fly  
From sniffin' that good old mountain dew. *Chorus*

Now my old cousin Mort he's sawed off and short, He stands about four foot two.  
But he feels just like a giant when you give him a pint  
Of that good old mountain dew. *Chorus*

My old aunt June got some brand new parfume, It had such a sweet smellin' pew  
When we had it analyzed much to our surprise  
It was nothin' but that good ol' mountain dew. *Chorus*