Darlin' Corey

Trad., new words by Lew Toulmin, 3/2021, chords for bari uke, DUDU Intro: A G A Em A

- [A] Wake up, wake up darlin' [G] Corey
- [A] What makes you [Em] sleep so [A] sound?

The revenue officers a' coming

- [A] Gonna burn your [Em] still house [A] down
- [A] Well the first time I seen darlin' [G] Corey
- [A] She was [Em] standin' by her [A] door

Her hand-me-down dress told her story

- [A] She had her dirty bare [Em] feet on the [A] floor
- [A] And the next time I saw darlin' [G] Corey
- [A] Was on the edge [Em] of the deep blue [A] sea

She had a forty-four strapped 'round her bosum

- [A] And a banjo [Em] on her [A] knee
- [A] Well the last time I seen darlin' [G] Corey
- [A] She had a [Em] dram glass in her [A] hand

She was drinkin' away her troubles

- [A] With a [Em] low-down gamblin' [A] man
- [A] That man he killed my darlin' [G] Corey
- [A] She was laid [Em] out on the [A] floor

But his body was out on the threshold

- [A] In his [Em] heart was lead [A] forty-four
- [A] Dig a hole, dig a hole in the [G] meadow
- [A] Dig it deep in the [Em] cold, cold [A] ground

Dig a hole, dig a hole in the meadow

- [A] Gonna lay [Em] darlin' Corey [A] down
- [A] Can't you hear those bluebirds a [G] singing
- [A] Don't you hear that [Em] mournful [A] sound

They're preaching darlin' Corey's funeral

- [A] In some lonesome [Em] graveyard [A] ground
- [A] Go away, go away ghostly [G] Corey
- [A] Quit your hangin' [Em] 'round my [A] bed

Bad liquor has ruined my body

- [A] And your shade [Em] done ruined my [A] head
- [A] Wake up, wake up darlin' [G] Corey, [A] What makes you [Em] sleep so [A] sound? Them revenue officers a' coming, [A] Gonna burn your [Em] still house [A] down!