

# Down on the Corner (of Dock and Holly)

words: traditional

music: traditional "Reuben, Reuben"

Rolfe Roberts, a long-time resident of Bellingham, was the first to sing me this song - one which exists in many versions and which was widely known around Whatcom County in the 1920's. Some background on the song: Bellingham streetcars ended their run at the busy corner of Dock (now Cornwall) and Holly, and passengers were met there by a Salvation Army band. Charley Lind was a well known Swedish contractor who lived in the part of town called York Addition (also known as Snus Hill!).

Down on the corner of Dock and Holly, a  
wom-an come and says to me, "Will you come and  
work for Je-sus?" I say "How much Je-sus pay?"

She say, "Jesus pay no money,"  
I say, "I no work for him.  
I go up to York Addition,  
And I work for Charley Lind."