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The Darling Buds of May

Read by **Philip Franks**

When Cedric Charlton, an unsuspecting tax inspector, arrives at the door of the Pop Larkin farm, he soon forgets the purpose of his visit: the fun-loving Ma and Pop Larkin distract him at every turn with strawberries, cream, alcohol, and their attractive young daughter, Mariette. Well known through the popular TV series starring David Jason and Catherine Zeta-Jones, *The Darling Buds of May* is the quintessential feel-good country romp. It will have you falling wholeheartedly in love with the Larkin family and their carefree ways of living. So grab a bowl of ice cream, pull out a deck chair, and share in the 'perficktion' of country life.



Philip Franks performed alongside Catherine Zeta-Jones and David Jason in the television series *The Darling Buds of May*. His extensive theatre credits encompass a range of roles, as he has worked variously with the Royal Shakespeare Company, the Old Vic Theatre, and the Whitehall Theatre. He is regularly heard on BBC Radio in such programmes as *Poetry Please*, *With Great Pleasure* and *Words and Music*.

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