






Hora Ploii (Hora Rain)  
(ploj-ee)

This is an old Hora from the village Mitreni, County Ilfov (not far from the Bulgarian border). It is performed by men and women in a closed circle on all dance occasions. The melody is specific to the dance. The dance phrases and the musical phrases are not the same length, a phenomenon common to dances from the southern part of Rumania. The musical phrase is eight measures of 2/4 while each part of the dance takes up only six measures. The dance and music are concordant after four repetitions of each part. The dance has a rustic, earthy quality. The steps are flat footed with the arm movements providing the dynamic.


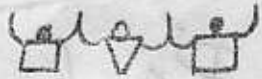





Position - "W"   
Formation - Closed circle  
Music - 2/4

Rhythm

Part I INTRO FIGURES

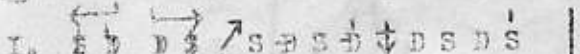
-  Facing forward  
Step L sideways L, swing R foot forward.
-  Repeat to R, begin R.
-  Moving forw. diag. R, step L, close R, step L, swing R foot forward.
-  Facing forw. moving directly backw. and step R, step L, step R, swing L foot forw.
- Repeat all 3 more times (4x in all)

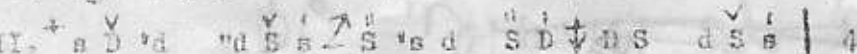
Part II THE DANCE

-  Step L in place, stamp R heel, stamp R foot (arms are raised to "W" position). 
-  Stamping step R in place, stamp L heel in place, light stamp L in place (arms remain in "W" position).
-  Moving diag. forw. R HANDS GO UP TO HIGH POS  
Stamping step L, heel lift L (almost a hop but do not leave the ground), step R.  
(Arms swing down and back and stay there until last measure)
-  Stamping step L, swing R foot forw.
-  Facing forw. moving backw. step R, step L.
-  Step R in place, stamp L heel, stamp L lightly (arms go up to "W" or starting position).
- Repeat Part II ~~3 more times (4x in all)~~ until end of music

Romanian Notation - Hora Ploii

(M) M & W in a circle (Mixed)

I.  | 4x

II.  | 4x

gata

gata! begin (ready?)  
also  
finished

și = and.

da-yes  
nu-no

la dreapta - R.

la stînga - L.

vîrf-toc (heel) - heel drop -

- Bărbat = man

- femei = women

asa asa (asa sa) so so

vai de mine.

vai de capa mine

~~vai de mine~~

(do you understand?)  
inteleg?

head