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## **The Funerary Rhymes in Maramureș**

### **Summary**

In the Maramureș county of today, the funerary rhymes are still performed in certain villages on the Iza, Mara and Cosău Valleys, as well as in the Lăpuș county. In the Codru and Chioar counties this moment of the funerary ceremonial is present only rarely. A general characteristic for the entire Maramureș, the area we are interested in, is that researchers have not identified in their field research ceremonial funerary rhymes that could be considered very old or very important in our folklore (in a list that C. Brailoiu, and others have drawn in the past century). Nevertheless, such rhymes are wide spread, and they accompany the family of the de-funct during the three days of the ceremonial funeral. We must underline, though, that in the funerary rhymes in this area we can identify imagery that is generally present in ceremonial songs, and this indicates that such rhymes used to be present on a much larger area than we witness today.

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