

Purtată de pe Mureș

Transylvania, Romania

Purtată or *De-a Lungu*, belonging to the same family of dances, are still the opening dance at all festivities.

Formation: line of couples facing LOD

Position: W to the right of M, inside hands joined and up in W position, outside hand for M up and active, outside hand for W down at side

Pronunciation: poor-TAH-tuh deh peh MOO-rehsh

Style: Proud, elegant

Meter: 4/4

Meas **Basic step** (can start with L or R foot)

1 Step on L (1), touch R ball near L ft (2), step on R (3), touch L ball near R ft (4)

2 Step on L (1), step on R (2), small step on L (3), step on R ball in place (&), step on L in place (4)

3-4 Repeat meas 1 and 2 with opp. ftwk

Meas **Introduction** (fast 4/4)

1-16 no action or improvisation

Figure 1 (face slightly toward partner)

1 Meas 1 of basic step starting L for M, R for W: feet and inside hands move fwd on cts 1-2, then bkwd on cts 3-4

2 Meas 2 of basic step starting L for M, R for W: feet and hands fwd on ct 1, feet fwd and hands bkwd on ct 2, hands fwd on cts 3 & 4

3 Meas 1 of basic step starting R for M, L for W: ft bkwd and hands go down to V pos on cts 1-2, feet fwd and hands go back to W pos on cts 3-4

4 Meas 2 of basic step starting R for M, L for W: M steps bkwd on cts 1-2 while W does full turn CCW, hands staying joined overhead, do cts 3 & 4 in place with hands back in W pos

Meas **Figure 2** (facing LOD)

1 Same ftwk and arms as Fig 1, meas 1

2 Same ftwk and arms as Fig 1, meas 2 on cts 1-2, move away from partner, extending inside arms slightly on cts 3 & 4

3 Meas 1 of basic step starting R for M, L for W: move twd partner hands back to W pos on cts 1-2, move away from partner extending arms on cts 3-4

4 Meas 2 of basic step starting R for M, L for W: two large steps making ½ turn with W moving CCW under joined hands on cts 1-2 resulting in changing direction and changing places with partner, do cts 3 & 4 in place with hands in W pos

5-8 Repeat measures 1-4, facing RLOD

Repeat Figures 1 and 2 three more times to end of music