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## **The Song of Dawn in the Folklore Collections of Vojvodina**

### **Summary**

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**The ancient ground of invocation of the sun, Dawn Song, was kept in Serbian Banat. This tradition, the ritual, required that on someone's death, when the corpse is still in the house, a group of women in the dawn of the last day of funeral, outside the house under the window with faces turned towards east, sometimes with lighted candles in hands, sing Dawn Song. In Serbian Banat, women are replaced with a male choir and fanfares. Collections of folklore from Banat have found this song which often is not understood, the world doesn't know the magical practices of this rite of passage. Radu Flora and Gheorghe Lifa discovered Dawn Songs in villages of central Serbian Banat. Singers of these songs were discovered since the XIXth Century.**