



A Thank You Poem – by Paul Collins



An Ode to After-Party Leaders and Late-Night Participants

Thank you so very much for your willingness to commit on short notice and for your participation;

We combined our collective energies and made this happen, without any hints of reluctance or hesitation;

I was optimistic that we would be incredibly successful in getting a positive reaction;

And folks from all over the international folk dance world came and danced, expressing high levels of satisfaction;

While some danced as long as they could and then retired for rest, and some even retired to take showers;

Many of us danced extremely late into the night, way past the midnight, then first, then second then third hours;

Yes, many of us continued with very little eating, resting or napping in-between;

Then did our ending Romanian dance (Joc in Patru) and celebrated with champagne at the incredible time of four-fifteen (4:15am).

