Playing Icarus

I went begging to the birds

And each of them gave me

A feather.

A high one from the vulture,

A red one from the bird of paradise,

A green one from the hummingbird,

A talking one from the parrot,

A shy one from the ostrich—

Oh, what wings I’ve made for myself.

I’ve attached them to my soul

And I’ve started to fly.

High flight of the vulture,

Red flight of the bird of paradise,

Green flight of the hummingbird,

Talking flight of the parrot,

Shy flight of the ostrich—

Oh, how I’ve flown.

 Marin Sorescu

 *Romania*

-from *Around the World in Eighty Poems*, selected by James Berry

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| Fact About Romania Crossword Puzzle |
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**ACROSS**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ is a body of water on the Eastern border of Romania. It is home to many popular resorts.

3. This fictional character is based on Vlad III, Prince of Wallachia also known as Vlad the Impaler.

4. The Hora and Sârba are examples of folk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. The Romanian flag is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, yellow and red.

6. This bird is on the Romanian coat of arms.

**DOWN**

1. The capital of Romania is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. If you sneeze in Romania, someone may say \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. This southern river forms part of the border between Romania and Bulgaria.
4. Like Spanish, the Romanian language is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -based language.
5. Romanian Money.