

## DRAGOBETE

*Dragobete* is a traditional Romanian holiday which is celebrated on February 24<sup>th</sup> and considered the Romanian equivalent of Valentine's Day- the celebration of love or the day of the lovers. Dragobete was the son of Baba Dochia. Unlike the kind and gentle Valentine in the Catholic religion, Dochia's son is not only good-looking but also strong and having a tempestuous nature. The tradition has Dacian origins. Accordingly, Dragobete was a matchmaker and godfather of animals but the Romanians transformed him in a protector of those who love and meet on that day, the significance being that their love would last for the whole year. The day is also associated with the coming of spring.

Dragobete is a love day  
Romantic gestures  
A day with lovely people  
Going to romantic places  
Only happy couples celebrate this day  
Boys buy girls gifts and flowers  
Everyone is happily eating out  
The girls are dating boys  
Every girl waits for a romantic gift.

**Nicodim Melisa**

Dearest person that stays with you  
Rupture from reality  
Always unsure about what's next  
Going to either spend your time with your soul mate or choose to isolate yourself, in your head, away from everybody else  
Out there, losing yourself while looking for love  
Bearing, or at least trying to, the idea that you're alone  
Earning confidence thanks to your half  
Tearing yourself apart due to the loneliness  
Enjoying yourself to the fullest.

**Neagu Diana**



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