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an·them  (ăn thəm)

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n.

1. A hymn of praise or loyalty.
2. A choral composition having a sacred or moralizing text in English.
3. A popular song, especially a rock song felt to sum up the attitudes or feelings associated with a period or social group.

[Middle English *anteme*, from Old English *antefn*, from Late Latin *antiphōna*, from Late Greek, from neuter pl. of *antiphōnos*, sounding in answer : *anti-*, in return; see [ANTI-](#) + *phōnē*, voice; see **bhā**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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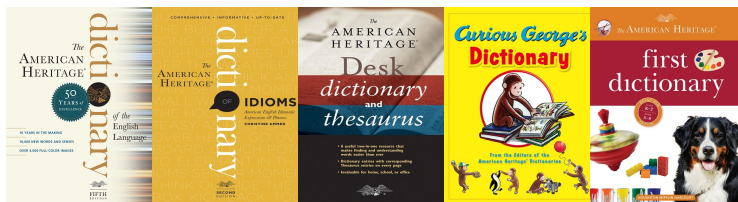
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