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adv.

Music

Quickly; suddenly. Used chiefly as a direction.

[Italian, from Latin *subitō*, from neuter ablative sing. of *subitus*, sudden, from past participle of *subīre*, to come secretly; see [SUDDEN](#).]

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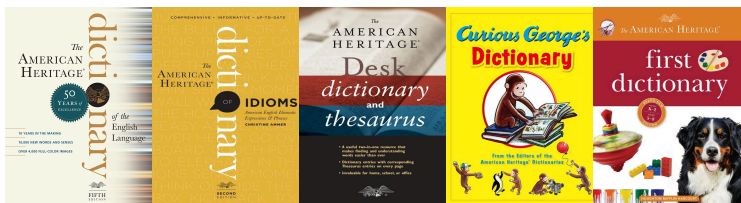
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