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car·ol  (kär əl)

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n.

1. A song of praise or joy, especially for Christmas.
 2. An old round dance often accompanied by singing.
- v.* **car·oled**, **car·ol·ing**, **car·ols** also **car·olled** or **car·ol·ling**
- v.intr.*

1. To sing in a loud, joyous manner.
2. To go from house to house singing Christmas songs.

v.tr.

1. To celebrate in or as if in song: *caroling the victory*.
2. To sing loudly and joyously.

[Middle English *carole*, round dance with singing, from Old French, probably from Late Latin *choraula*, choral song, from Latin *choraulēs*, accompanist, from Greek *khoraulēs* : *khoros*, choral dance; see **gher**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *aulos*, flute.]

car ol·er, **car ol·ler** *n.*

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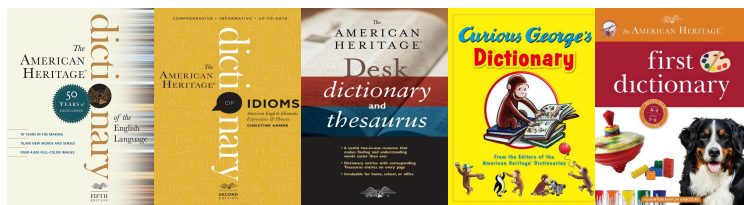
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