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n. pl. **chan·teys** also **chan·ties** or **shan·teys** or **shan·ties**

A song sung by sailors to the rhythm of their movements while working.

[Probably from French *chantez*, imperative pl. of *chanter*, to sing, from Old French; see [CHANT](#).]

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