anthem

['ænθ(ə)m] *n*

- 1. гимн
- 2. государственный, национальный гимн
- 3. церк.
- 1) псалом
- 2) антифон

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an them [anthem anthems] BrE ['ænθəm] NAmE ['ænθəm] noun

1. a song that has a special importance for a country, an organization or a particular group of people, and is sung on special occasions

- The European anthem was played at the opening and closing ceremonies.
- The song could become an anthem for the classless society.

see also [†]national anthem

2. a short religious song for a [†]choir (= a group of singers), often with an organ

Word Origin:

Old English antefn, antifne (denoting a composition sung antiphonally, by two groups of people in turn), from late Latin antiphona 'harmonies', neuter plural of antiphonos 'responsive', from anti 'in return' + phone 'sound'. The spelling with th, which began in the 16th cent., was on the pattern of similar words such as Antony, Anthony.

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AmE an them /'ænθəm/ BrE * noun [countable]

[Date: 900-1000; Language: Late Latin; Origin: antiphona, from Greek, from antiphonos 'answering', from anti- (\Rightarrow [†]anti-) + phone 'sound'

1. a formal or religious song \Rightarrow ¹national anthem

- 2. a song that a particular group of people consider to be very important:
 - The Rolling Stones' 'Satisfaction' was an anthem for a generation.

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