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Definition of rapture (Entry 1 of 2)

- 1 : an expression or manifestation of ecstasy or passion
- 2
 - a : a state or experience of being carried away by overwhelming emotion
 - b : a mystical experience in which the spirit is exalted to a knowledge of divine things
- 3 *often capitalized* : the final assumption of Christians into heaven during the end-time according to Christian theology

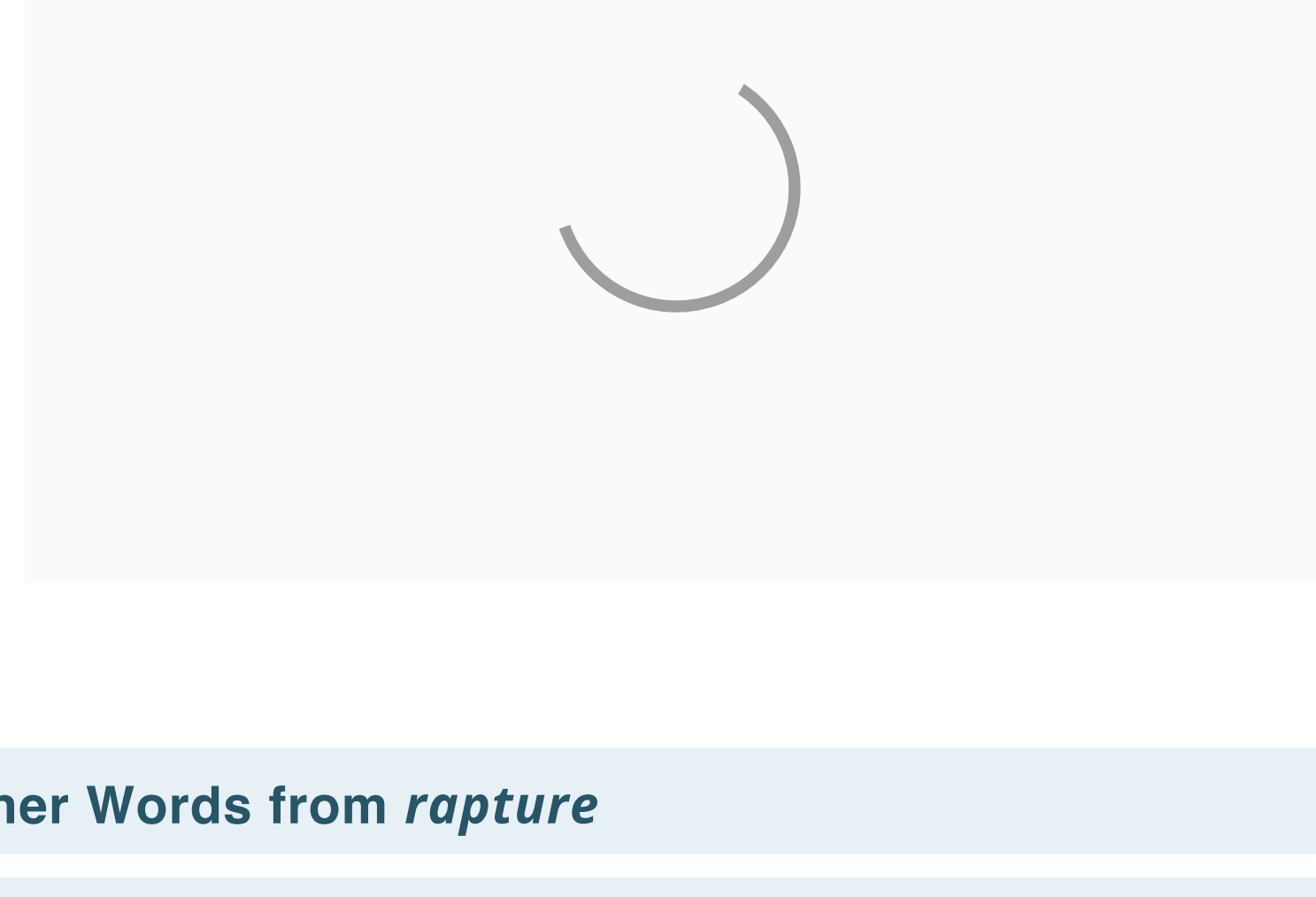
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raptured; rapturing

Definition of rapture (Entry 2 of 2)

transitive verb

: ENRAPTURE



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Noun rapturous \ ˈrap-che-rəs \ rap-shres \ adjective rapturously adverb rapturousness noun

Synonyms & Antonyms for rapture

Synonyms: Noun cloud nine, ecstasy, elatedness, elation, euphoria, exhilaration, heaven, high, intoxication, paradise, rhapsody, seventh heaven, swoon, transport

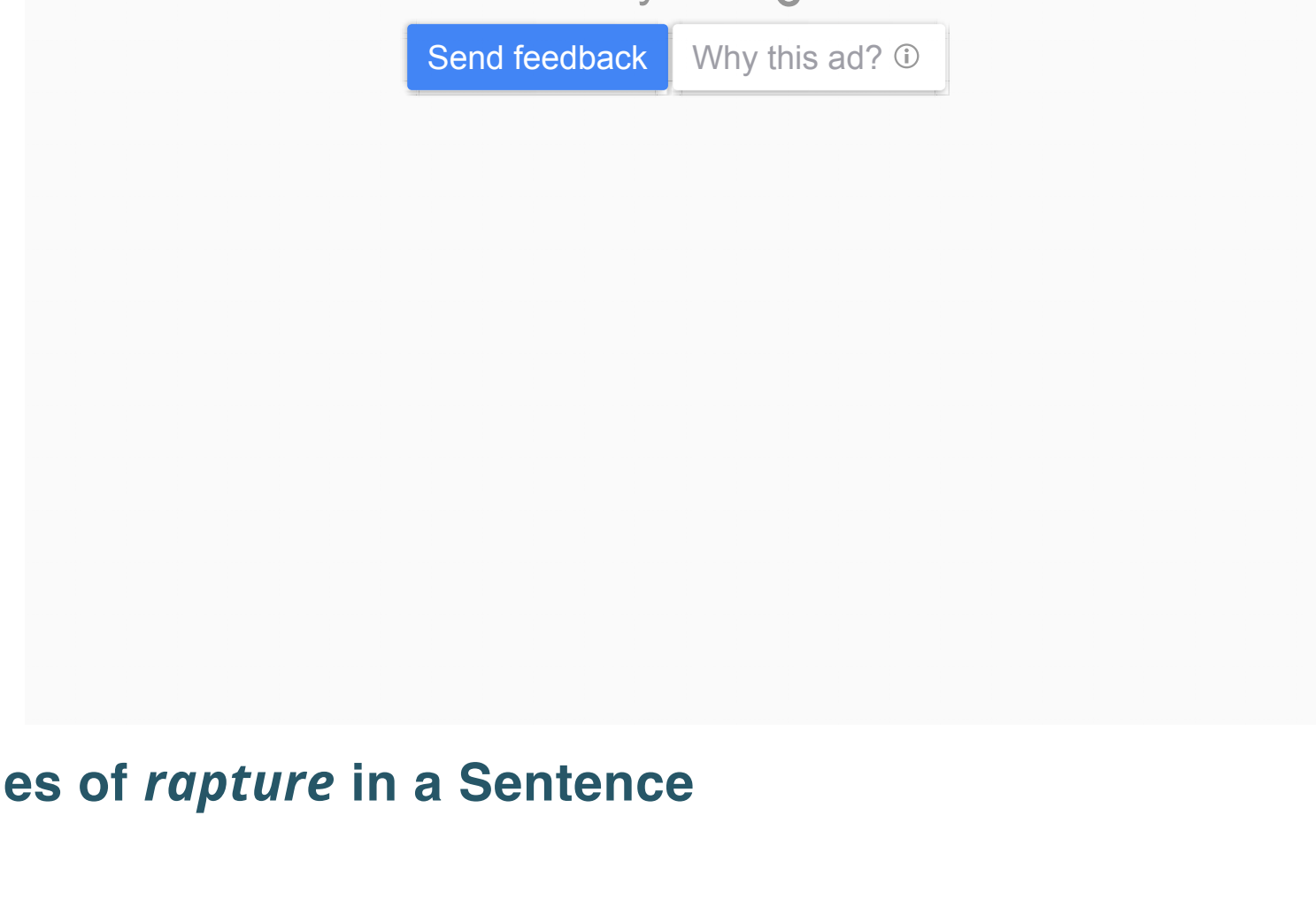
Synonyms: Verb carry away, enrapture, enthrall (or enthral), entrance, rap, ravish, transport

Antonyms: Noun depression

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Choose the Right Synonym for rapture

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Examples of rapture in a Sentence

- Noun // We listened with rapture as the orchestra played.
- // He listened to the wind in the trees, his eyes closed in rapture.
- Verb // nature lovers will be raptured by the documentary's breathtaking cinematography

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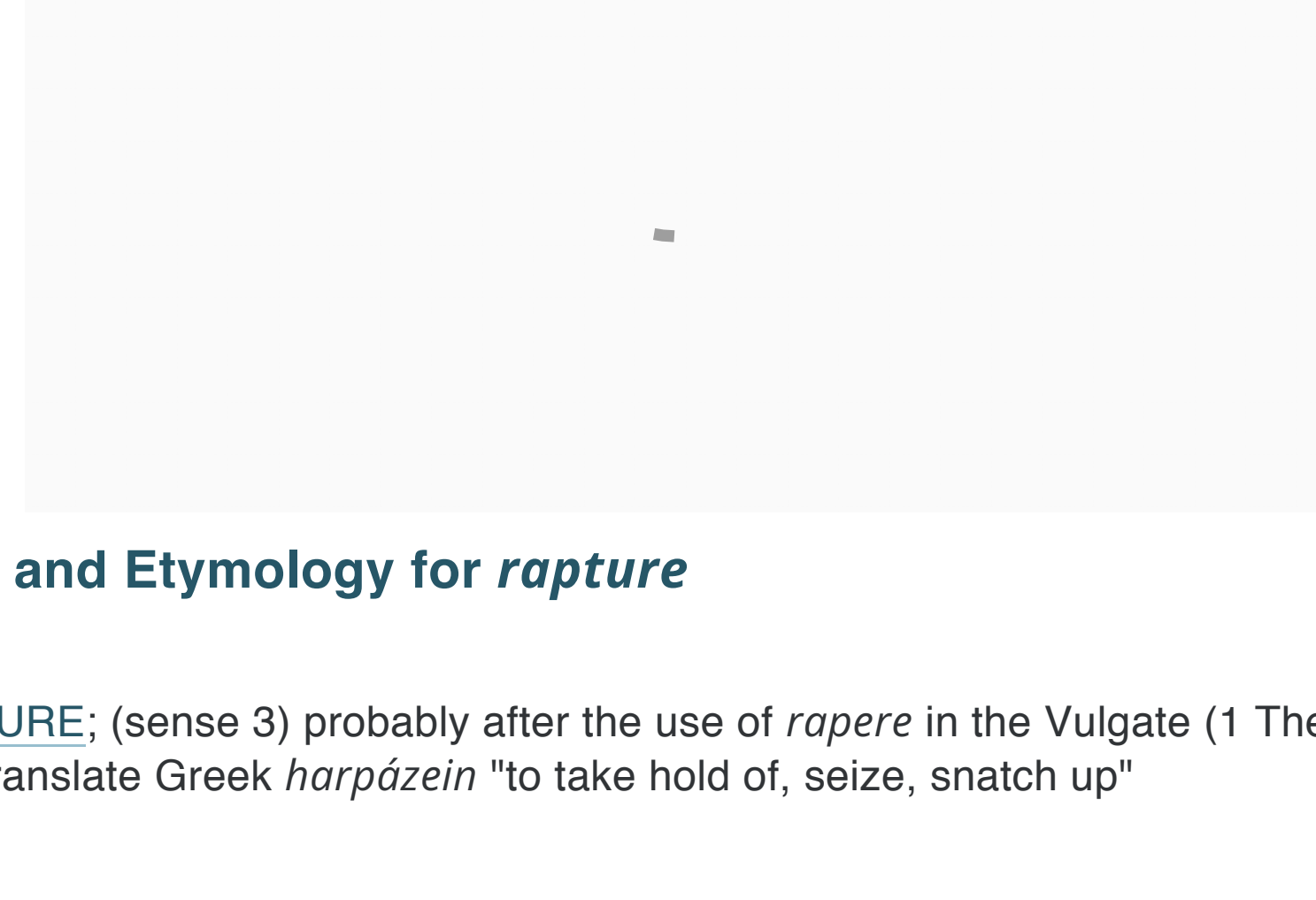
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rapture of the deep

First Known Use of rapture

Noun 1594, in the meaning defined at sense 1

Verb 1637, in the meaning defined above



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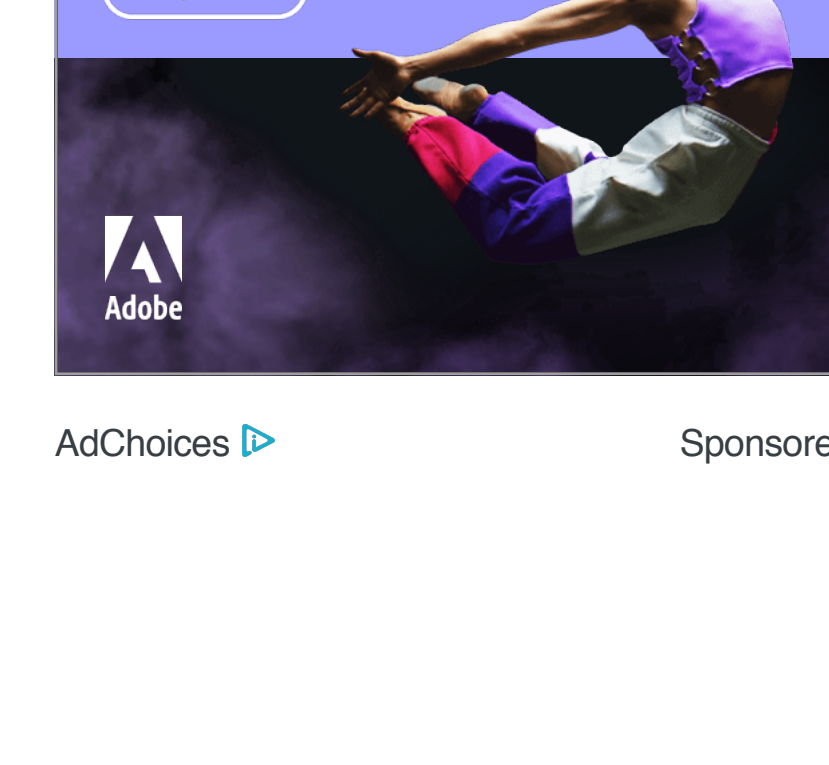
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