

# tanka (*tan-ka*)

## Definition

n. 1 a form of Japanese poetry; the 1st and 3rd lines have five syllables and the 2nd 4th and 5th have seven syllables; 2 a Tibetan religious painting on fabric

## Example Sentence

A **tanka** is an unrhymed Japanese poem of five lines.

## Synonyms

Japanese verse form; Japanese poetry; form of Japanese poetry

## Antonyms

American novel

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