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T. (Fanning 2008, 129)


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T. (Anderson, Hall, and Martin 2000, 547-48)


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T. (Librett 2008, 260)


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T. (Jacobs et al. 2008)


Electronic Journal. (14.189; 15.46-48)


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B. Al-Obaidi, Jabbar and Salil Sachdev. Touching the Edge: Folk Music of Gujarat, India. Media Services, Bridgewater State University, n.d., VHS.

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R. Al-Obaidi, Jabbar, and Salil Sachdev. n.d. Touching the Edge: Folk Music of Gujarat, India. Media Services, Bridgewater State University. VHS.

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