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n.
A musical composition, often using a sacred text, comprising recitatives, arias, and choruses.

[Italian (*aria*) *cantata*, sung (aria), feminine past participle of *cantare*, to sing, from Latin *cantāre*; see **kan-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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