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can·zo·ne  (kăn-zō nē, kânt-sō nē)

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n. pl. **can·zo·nes** (-nēz, -nāz) or **can·zo·ni** (-nē)

1. A medieval Italian or Provençal lyric of varying stanzaic form, usually with a concluding envoy.
2. A polyphonic song evolving from this form of poetry and resembling the madrigal in style.

[Italian, from Latin *cantiō*, *cantiōn*-, song, from *cantus*, past participle of *canere*, to sing; see **kan-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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