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Ballade

A French secular poem,
one of the three
Medieval formes fixes.

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Basse Danse

A stately dance popular in Burgundy
where dancers keep their feet
low to the ground.

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Villacinco

A monophonic folk song
from the Iberian Peninsula.

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Lute Song

A secular strophic song
accompanied by the lute.

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Pavane

A stately dance in duple meter.

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Allemande

A moderately paced, duple meter
dance from Germany.

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Galliard

A lively dance in triple meter.

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Courante

A quick, triple meter dance
originating in France.



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Sarabande

A slow, triple meter dance originating in Spain.

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Ricercar

A polyphonic piece for keyboard, predecessor to the fugue.
(It. “to search.”)

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Gigue

A lively, compound duple meter dance of English origin.

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Canzona

An instrumental (sometimes vocal) piece that alternates homophony with polyphony.

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Toccata

A keyboard piece that demonstrates the player's virtuosity. (It. “to touch.”)

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Polyphonic chanson

A secular French song with multiple voices.

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Prelude

A freely composed polyphonic instrumental piece.

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Motet

A Renaissance vocal piece with religious text.