

Musical Terms

Tempi--

- Largo--Broadly, slowly; the slowest tempo
- Adagio--Slowly, leisurely
- Andante--slow, walking tempo
- Allegretto--light and cheerful; slower than allegro
- Allegro--lively, brisk, rapid
- Presto--quickly; faster than allegro

Tempo-related--

- Accelerando--gradually get faster
- Stringendo--pressing forward; accelerating
- Rallentando--gradually slower
- Ritardando--gradually slower
- meno mosso--less motion

Dynamics--

- Pianissimo--very soft
- Piano--soft
- Mezzo-piano--medium soft
- Mezzo-forte--medium loud
- Forte--loud
- Fortissimo--very loud
- Crescendo--gradual increasing loudness

- Diminuendo--gradually softer
- Decrescendo--gradual decreasing loudness

Expression--

- Brio--vigor, life, spirit
- Dolce--sweetly
- Espressivo--expressively
- Grazioso--graceful
- Pesante--heavy, broad
- Sforzando--with sudden emphasis

Articulation

- Arco--with the bow
- Pizzicato--plucking the string
- Marcato--marked, accented
- Legato--smooth
- Staccato--short, stopped notes

Misc.--

- Da capo--repeat from beginning
- Dal segno--repeat from sign
- poco a poco--little by little
- Fine--end, conclusion
- Morendo--to die away