



Italian Terms Glossary



Tempos (Speeds)

Italian

Adagio
Andante
Moderato
Allegro
Presto

Meaning

Slow
A slow walking pace
Medium pace
Lively
Very fast



Changing Tempos

Ritardando
Accelerando
Rubato

to gradually get slower
to gradually get faster
to change speed to allow for expression

Dynamics (Volumes)



Italian

pianissimo
piano
mezzo-forte
mezzo-piano
forte
fortissimo

Meaning

very soft
soft
moderately soft
moderately loud
loud
very loud

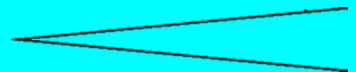
Notation

pp
p
mp
mf
f
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Changing Dynamics

Crescendo

to gradually get louder



Diminuendo

to gradually get softer

