

# Common Musical Terms | Notes

*A tempo - return to the previous tempo*

*Accelerando - gradually get faster*

*Ad lib - the performer can vary the music if they wish*

*Adagio - slow, slower than andante but faster than largo*

*Allargando - broadening*

*Allegretto - a small bit slower than allegro*

*Allegro - fast*

*Andante - at a walking pace*

*Cantabile - in a singing style*

*Con - with*

*Con moto - with motion*

*Crescendo - gradually getting louder*

*Decrescendo - gradually getting softer*

*Diminuendo - gradually getting softer*

*Dolce - sweetly*

*Espressivo - expressively*

*Fermata - hold or pause*

*Fine - the end*

*Forte - loud*

*Fortissimo - very loud*

*Grave - slow and solemn*

*Largo - slow*

*Lento - slow*

*Legato - smooth*

*Meno mosso - less motion*

*Mezzo - half*

*Moderato - moderate speed*

*Molto - very*

*Mosso - rapid*

Moto - *motion*

Non troppo - *not too much*

Pesante - *heavily*

Peu a peu - *little by little*

Piano - *soft*

Pianissimo - *very soft*

Piano-forte - *soft to loud*

Piu - *more*

Poco - *a little*

Presto - *very fast*

Primo - *first*

Quasi - *almost*

Ritardando - *gradually getting slower*

Vivace - *lively*

Vivo - *lively*