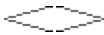


# Music Symbols and Definitions

---

## Dynamics

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
<i>ppp</i>	Pianississimo	Very Very Soft
<i>pp</i>	Pianissimo	Very Soft
<i>p</i>	Piano	Soft
<i>mp</i>	Mezzo Piano	Medium Soft
<i>mf</i>	Mezzo Forte	Medium Loud
<i>f</i>	Forte	Loud
<i>ff</i>	Fortissimo	Very Loud
<i>fff</i>	Fortississimo	Very Very Loud
 <i>cresc.</i>	Crescendo	Gradually becoming louder
 <i>decresc.</i>	Decrescendo	Gradually becoming softer
<i>dim</i>	.Diminuendo	Gradually becoming softer
	Messa di voce	Becoming louder then softer

## Tempo

**Grave** - Very Slow

**Largo, Lento** - Slow

**Larghetto** - A little faster than Largo

**Adagio** - Moderately Slow

**Andante** - "Walking" Tempo

**Andantino** - A little faster than Andante

**Allegretto** - A little slower than Allegro

**Allegro** - Fast

**Vivace** - Lively

**Presto** - Very Fast


**Prestissimo** - Very Very Fast

**Moderato** - Moderate(ly)

**Molto** - Very

**Accel., Accelerando** - Gradually

# Symbols

**Fermata** - a pause in the music, indicated by this sign. 

**rit. (ritardando)**- gradually slower

**rubato** - Free tempo, left up to the interpretation of the director or performer

**subito** - suddenly

**poco a poco** - little by little

// (**caesura**) a silent pause between sections of the music, also called a break