*Musical Terms: Tempo*

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| *Term* | *Meaning* |
| Grave  | Very slow |
| Largo | Very slow  |
| Lentissimo  | Very slow |
| Lento | Slow  |
| Larghetto | A little faster than largo |
| Largamente  | Broadly  |
| Adagio  | Moderately slow |
| Andante | “Walking” tempo |
| Andantino  | A little slower than allegro |
| Moderate | Moderate(ly) |
| Allegretto  | Quite lively |
| Allegro | Fast  |
| Vivace | Lively |
| Presto | Very fast |
| Prestissimo  | As fast as possible |
| Molto | Very |
| Accel., accelerando | Gradually becoming faster |
| Rit. Ritardando | Gradually becoming slower |
| Rallentando | Slowing  |
| Ritenuto  | Suddenly slower |
| Sostenuto | Sustained  |
| A tempo | Return to original tempo |
| Tempo primo | Original tempo |
| Calando | Get softer and slower |
| Con moto | With motion |
| L’istesso tempo | The same tempo |
| Meno mosso | “Less motion” 🡪 slower |
| Allargando | Slower and slower |
| Mosso  | Motion  |
| Rubato | Flexible rhythm |
| Stringendo | Get faster |
| Liberamente, libero | freely |
| Con moto |  With movement |
| Poco a poco | Gradually |
| Non troppo | Not too fast |
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