

Performance Directions

Grade 3 (ABRSM) Italian Terms

adagietto	rather slow (but faster than adagio)
ad libitum, ad lib.	at choice (played freely)
agitato	agitated
alla breve	with a minim beat equivalent to q
amore	love (amoroso: loving)
anima	soul, spirit, feeling
animato	animated lively (animando: becoming more lively)
ben	well
brio	vigour
comodo	convenient (tempo comodo: at a comfortable speed)
deciso	with determination
delicate	delicate
energico	energetic
forza	force
largamente	broadly
leggiere	light, nimble
marcato, marc.	emphatic, accented
marziale	in a military style
mesto	sad
pesante	heavy
prima, primo	first
risoluto	bold, strong
ritmico	rhythmically
rubato, tempo rubato	with some freedom of time
scherzando, scherzoso	playful, joking
seconda, secondo	second
semplice	simple, plain
sempre	always
stringendo	gradually getting faster
subito	suddenly
tanto	so much
tranquillo	calm
triste, tristamente	sad, sorrowful
volta	time (prima volta: first time)