

Music Italiano

Music uses lots of Italiano,
Loud is *forte*, soft is *piano*,
Gradually get louder with a big *crescendo*,
Then go back to soft with a *diminuendo*.

Largo, slowly, it's not a race,
Andante is at walking pace,
Allegro, a fast and lively speed
And *presto* go as quickly as you can.

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Loud is *forte*, soft is *piano*,
Smooth is what is needed when it says *legato*,
Short and spiky for *staccato*.
Let it end with a great *sforzando*,
Gradually get slower with a *rallentando*,
FINE!

Glossary

Forte – loud

Piano – soft

Crescendo – gradually get louder

Diminuendo – gradually get softer

Largo – slow and stately

Andante – at walking pace

Allegro – lively, fast

Presto – very quick

Legato – smooth

Staccato – detached

Sforzando – suddenly loud and accented

Rallentando – gradually get slower

Fine (pronounced 'feenay') – the end

- A great way to learn Italian music vocabulary in one song! Listen carefully to the words that are being sung and try hard to put all the dynamics, articulation and varying speeds in that you are singing about.
- The varying speeds of the middle section should be picked up fairly easily – a few listens through to the audio track will help with this.

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