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Term	Sign or Abbrev.	Meaning	Term	Sign or Abbrev.	Meaning
★ Accelerando	accel.	Gradually faster	★ Maestoso		Majestic; with dignity
★ Accent	>	Strong attack	Ma non troppo		But not too much
★ Adagio		Slowly	★ Marcato		Marked; accented
Ad libitum	ad. lib.	At liberty	Marcia		In march tempo and style
Agitato		Agitated; excited	★ Meno mosso		Less movement; slower
Al fine		To the end	★ Mezzo forte	<i>mf</i>	Moderately loud
★ Allargando		Slower and louder	★ Mezzo piano	<i>mp</i>	Moderately soft
Allegretto		Moderately fast	Moderato		Moderate tempo
Allegro		Quick; lively	★ Molto		Very; much
Andante		Moderately slow	Morendo		Dying away
Andantino		A little faster than andante	Ottava	8va	An octave higher
★ Animato		With life and spirit	★ Pianissimo	<i>pp</i>	Extremely soft
A tempo		At the original speed	★ Piano	<i>p</i>	Smooth; even; soft
Chromatic		Proceeding by half steps	Piu		More
Coda	⊕	A closing section	★ Piu mosso		A little faster
★ Comma	,	Breath or phrasing sign	Poco a poco		Little by little
Con brio		With life and fire	Portato		Sustained; broad
Con moto		With motion; not dragging	Presto		Rapid; very quick
Con spirito		With spirit	★ Rallentando	rall.	Gradually slower
★ Crescendo	cresc. 	Gradually louder	Repeat signs		To the beginning or 
Da capo	D.C.	Return to the beginning			Repeat from the sign
Dal segno	D.S. 	Go back to the sign (  )			Repeat the previous measure
★ Decrescendo	decresc. 	Gradually softer	★ Ritardando	rit.	Retarding; holding back
★ Diminuendo	dim.	Gradually softer	Semi-legato		Soft tonguing, almost slurred
Divisi		Divide on the parts	★ Simile		Continue in the same way
★ Fermata	⊙	Pause; hold; sustain	★ Staccato		Short; separated; disconnected
Fine		The end	Tacet		Silent
★ Forte	<i>f</i>	Loud	★ Tempo		Time; rate of movement
★ Fortissimo	<i>ff</i>	Very loud	★ Tenuto	ten.	Hold full value or a little over
★ Forzando	<i>ffz</i>	Accent; sudden emphasis	★ Tutti		All; together
Largo		Slow and solemn	Vivace		Lively; rapid
★ Legato		Smoothly connected; often slurred			
Lento		Slowly			
★ L'istesso tempo		No change in tempo			

Note: In "Band Fundamentals in Easy Steps", this sign

( ⊕ ) shows the use of harmonized material.