



Musical Opposites

Here is a selection of really common musical terms, most of which I have listed here with their opposite.

forte loud	piano soft
largo slow	presto quick
staccato detached	legato smoothly
low (pitch) low notes on the piano are found down to the left	high (pitch) high notes on the piano are found up to the right
contrary motion hands moving in opposite directions	
accelarando speeding up	ritardando/rallentando slowing down
aggiustatamente in strict time without deviation from the musical pulse	rubato not in strict time (robbed)
crescendo gradually getting louder	diminuendo gradually getting quieter/dying away
capo the beginning - usually seen in 'da capo' meaning from the beginning	fine the end

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