

Grade 10

Western Music

Terms and Signs



Alla – in the style of

This term is usually followed by another term. That is

Alla Marcia - In the style of a March

Alla Capella - In the style of unaccompanied
church singing

Alla Waltze - In the style of a waltz



Leggiero

Lightly – music to be played lightly.

Rubato

Robbed time. This term gives the performer some rhythmic freedom either to become flexible in tempo or to be flexible in the melody while the bass moves in strict time.

Chopin and Mozart used this technique .

Presto

Faster than Allegro, Very Fast.

Tremolo

Trembling – a direction for the rapid reiteration of a single note or alternation of different notes .

