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EXPRESS THE TENSION



When music becomes louder it often causes more tension. Dynamics obviously are an important part of musical expression. The dynamic marks or expression marks in a song are only relative, because how the performer plays or sings a song depends on his or her artistic judgment. It's not uncommon to hear a piece played at different levels by different performers.

Listed below are changes of expression in dynamics in order from "Loud to soft" to "Gradually diminishing in power." Draw the signs and write the Italian names in the same order beside the definitions in the chart.

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| 1. | <i>fp</i> | Forte-piano | 4. | | Crescendo (<i>cresc.</i>) |
| 2. | <i>sf</i> | Sforzato | 5. | | Decrescendo (<i>decresc.</i>) |
| 3. | | Messa di voce | 6. | | Diminuendo (<i>dim.</i>) |

CHANGES OF EXPRESSION IN DYNAMICS

Sign or Symbol	Name	Definition
1.		Loud to soft
2.		Forced, accented
3.		A gradual swelling and subsiding on a single tone in singing or playing
4.		Gradually increasing in power
5.		Gradually diminishing in power
6.		Gradually diminishing in power