

# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Terms

Bass Clef – bottom part of the piano staff 

Flat – to lower a pitch  $\frac{1}{2}$  step down 

Forte – strong; loud ***f***

Grand Staff – a treble clef and bass clef joined with a bracket


Legato – connected; flowing articulation

Mezzo Forte – Medium loud ***mf***

Mezzo Piano – medium soft ***mp***

Piano – gentle; soft in volume ***p***

Poco a poco – little by little

Sharp – to raise a pitch a  $\frac{1}{2}$  step up 

Staccato – short, choppy, detached articulation

Treble Clef – top part of the piano staff

