

<p>Accelerando: gradual increase of speed * Crescendo: gradual increase of loudness * Dolce: sweet and soft</p>	<p>Eyes pop open wide. A minute of anticipation, wait for it... There! The first notes of music, the tuning up of the orchestra. One note, then another. Ah! A chord. A pause, then the harmony and finally the full movement, performed with confidence. The birds on this summer morning have awakened just before dawn and lift my spirits with a delightful anticipation of a long summer day.</p> <p>I jump out of bed. The long white curtains of my bedroom billow inwards as they are captured by a rogue summer breeze, lifting them upwards along with the <i>crescendo</i> reached by the feathered chorus.</p> <p>My silk sundress slides over my body as I dress for the day. No need for anything else, I will not be encumbered by sandals or hat, for it is early and I will be the lone performer on the stage.</p> <p>I quickly sip the light roast coffee magically made for me via a timer. The hot fluid will be the only hot beverage I drink on this summer day. It's bump to my system helps me swing into action as I leave the house and skip towards the <i>dolce</i> tones of the surf.</p> <p>My bare feet ignore the pebbles and the crumbling asphalt of the street. I will not linger on it for long.</p> <p>Soon I am on the beach, its sand a pleasant sensation as little crystals sift through my toes. I slow down as I walk on the sand, enjoying the day's pale hues of the awakening sun. <i>Tranquillo</i>.</p> <p>I find a place, the one that is always flat, without hills or pitfalls in the sand.</p> <p>I lick my lips, purposely, to taste the salty layer that has already coated them.</p> <p>Stop. <i>Fermata</i>.</p> <p>Situate feet in the first position. Hands at my sides lift slowly until hands touch above my head as I breathe deeply. Oh, the scent of the ocean air. "Don't you wish you could bottle it?" my Mother's voice whispers in my ear.</p> <p>Then with <i>rubato</i> and <i>accelerando</i>, I dance and take flight.</p>	<p>Fermata: a pause of unspecified length * Rubato: disregarding strict tempo * Tranquillo: calm</p>
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