**Brahms Requiem**

**Musical Terms** (all Italian unless marked otherwise)

*-issimo* Suffix that intensifies the meaning of a word

*accel.* (abbr. *accelerando*) Accelerate tempo

Allegro Fast

Andante moderato In a moderately moderate tempo (?!)

*cantabile* In a melodious and graceful style, full of expression

*cresc.* (abbr. *crescendo*) Gradually louder

*dim., dimin.* (abbr. *diminuendo*) Gradually softer

*dolce* Sweet

*e* and

*espress., espr.* (abbr. *espressivo*) Expressive

Etwas bewegter (German) Somewhat move moving

Feierlich (German) Solemnly

Langsam, marschmäßig (German) Slowly, moderate march

*legato* Smoothly

*leggiero* Light, swift, and delicate

*marc., marcato* Accented, marked, stressed

Mäßig bewegt (German) Moderately moving

*meno* less

*mezza voce, m.v.* To use half of one’s vocal power

molto Very

*mosso* Movement or motion

*non* no, none

non troppo Not too much

*più* more

*poco* A little

*rall.* (abbr. *rallentando*) Gradually slowing

*sempre* Always

*sfz* (abbr. *sforzato* or *sforzando*) Very heavy and stressed accent, not shortened

*sim.* (abbr. *simile*) Continue in a similar manner (e.g. an articulation)

*soli* Group solo, to bring out and sing expressively

*sost.* (abbr. *sostenuto)* Sustained

Tempo I Return to the first tempo (of the movement)

*Tranquillo* Tranquil, calm, quiet manner

Vivace Lively and brisk

Ziemlich langsam und mit Ausdruck (Ger.) Quite slow and with expression