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pres·to  (prĕs tō)

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adv.

1. *Music* In a very fast tempo, usually considered to be faster than allegro but slower than prestissimo. Used chiefly as a direction.

2. So suddenly that magic seems involved; right away.

n. pl. pres·tos

Music

A passage or movement that is performed presto.

[Italian, from Late Latin *praestus*, quick, from Latin *praestō*, at hand; see **ghes-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

pres to *adj.*

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