



The Twelve Days of Christmas

Traditional English 'Forfeits' / Counting Song; "Mirth Without Mischief" (1780); Of French Origin

Music: Traditional Folk Melody arr. Frederic Austin (1909)

Intro C F C G (And a partridge in a pear tree)

On the First day of Christmas my true love gave to me:
C F C G C
a par-tridge in a pear tree.

C G
On the Second day of Christmas my true love gave to
C G C F C G C
me: Two turtle doves, and a par-tridge in a pear tree.

C G
On the Third day of Christmas my true love gave to
C G
me: Three French hens, Two turtle doves,
C F C G C
and a partridge in a pear tree.

C G
On the Fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to
C G
me: Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two
C F C G C
turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

C G C
On the Fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:
Em D G
Five - golden - rings.
C F G
Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,
C F C G C
and a partridge in a pear tree.

C G C
On the Sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:
G Em D G
Six geese-a-laying, Five - golden - rings.
C F G
Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,
C F C G C
and a partridge in a pear tree.

C G
On the Seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to
C G
me: Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a- laying,
Em D G
Five - golden - rings.
C F G
Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,
C F C G C
and a partridge in a pear tree..

C G
On the Eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to
C G
me: Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-

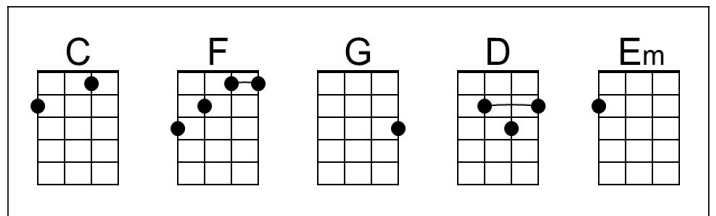
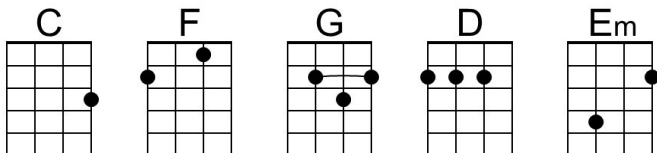
Em D G
swimming, Six geese-a-laying, Five - golden - rings.
C F G
Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,
C F C G C
and a partridge in a pear tree.

C G
On the Ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to
C G
me: Nine ladies danci ng, Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-
a-swimming, Six geese-a-laying,
Em D G
Five - golden - rings.
C F G
Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,
C F C G C
and a partridge in a pear tree.

C G C
On the Tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me :
G
Ten lords-a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids-a-milking,
Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a-laying,
Em D G
Five - golden - rings.
C F G
Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,
C F C G C
and a partridge in a pear tree.

C G C
On the Eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me:
G
Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords-a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a-
laying,
Em D G
Five - golden - rings.
C F G
Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,
C F C G C
and a partridge in a pear tree.

C G C
On the Twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:
G
Twelve drummers drumming, Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords-a-
leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids-a-milking, Seven
swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a-laying,
Em D G
Five - golden - rings.
C F G
Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,
(Pause)
C F C G C
and a par - tridge - in a pear - tree.



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On the First day of Christmas my true love gave to me:

D G D A D
a par-tridge in a pear tree.

On the Second day of Christmas my true love gave to me: Two turtle doves, and a par-tridge in a pear tree.

On the Third day of Christmas my true love gave to me: Three French hens, Two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the Fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me: Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the Fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me: Five - golden - rings. Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the Sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me: Six geese-a-laying, Five - golden - rings. Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the Seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me: Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a- laying, Five - golden - rings. Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree..

On the Eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me: Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-

swimming, Six geese-a-laying, Five - golden - rings. Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the Ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me: Nine ladies danci ng, Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a-laying,

Five - golden - rings. Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the Tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me : Ten lords-a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a-laying,

Five - golden - rings. Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the Eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me: Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords-a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a-laying,

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(Pause)
D G D A D
and a par - tridge - in a pear - tree.

