

# The Twelve Days of Christmas      English Traditional (c. 1780)

On the \_\_\_ day of Christmas, my true love gave to me:

1.     A partridge in a pear tree.
2.     Two turtledoves, and a partridge in a pear tree.
3.     Three French hens, two turtledoves, and a partridge in a pear tree.
4.     Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtledoves,  
and a partridge in a pear tree.
5.     Five golden rings,  
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtledoves,  
and a partridge in a pear tree.
6.     Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings,  
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtledoves,  
and a partridge in a pear tree.
7.     Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying, Five golden rings,  
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtledoves,  
and a partridge in a pear tree.
8.     Eight maids a-milking, Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying,  
Five golden rings,  
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtledoves,  
and a partridge in a pear tree.
9.     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 turtledoves,  
and a partridge in a pear tree.
10.    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 turtledoves,  
and a partridge in a pear tree.
11.    Eleven pipers piping, 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 turtledoves,  
and a partridge in a pear tree.
12.    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, Five golden rings,  
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtledoves,  
and a partridge in a pear tree.