

Twelve Days of Christmas

traditional English Carol first published in 1780. (, V)

First

F Dm Gm^(½) C^(½) F

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me...
 F^(½) Bb^(½) F^(½) C^(½) F
 a partridge in a pear tree.

Second:

F Dm Gm^(½) C^(½) F

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
 C7 F^(½) Bb^(½) F^(½) C^(½) F
 two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

Third:

F Dm Gm^(½) C^(½) F

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
 C7 C7
 three French hens, Two turtle doves, and a
 F^(½) Bb^(½) F^(½) C^(½) F
 a partridge in a pear tree.

Fourth:

F Dm Gm^(½) C^(½) F

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
 C7 C7 C7
 four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a
 F^(½) Bb^(½) F^(½) C^(½) F
 a partridge in a pear tree.

Fifth:

F Dm Gm^(½) C^(½) F

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
 F G7 C7 C7
 Five golden rings.
 F Bb C7
 four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a
 F^(½) Bb^(½) F^(½) C^(½) F
 a partridge in a pear tree.

Sixth:

F *Dm* *Gm*^(1/2) *C*^(1/2) *F*
On the Sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
C7

Six geese a laying

F *G7* *C7* *C7*

Five golden rings.

F *Bb* *C7*

four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a

F^(1/2) *Bb*^(1/2) *F*^(1/2) *C*^(1/2) *F*

a partridge in a pear tree.

Seventh:

F *Dm* *Gm*^(1/2) *C*^(1/2) *F*
On the Seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me
C7 *C7*

Seven swans a swimming, Six geese a laying

F *G7* *C7* *C7*

Five golden rings.

F *Bb* *C7*

four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a

F^(1/2) *Bb*^(1/2) *F*^(1/2) *C*^(1/2) *F*

a partridge in a pear tree.

Eighth:

F *Dm* *Gm*^(1/2) *C*^(1/2) *F*
On the Eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
C7 *C7* *C7*

Eight maids a milking, Seven swans a swimming, Six geese a laying

F *G7* *C7* *C7*

Five golden rings.

F *Bb* *C7*

four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a

F^(1/2) *Bb*^(1/2) *F*^(1/2) *C*^(1/2) *F*

a partridge in a pear tree.

Ninth:

F *Dm* *Gm*^(1/2) *C*^(1/2) *F*
On the Ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
C7 *C7* *C7*

Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids a milking, Seven swans a swimming

C7

Six geese a laying

F *G7* *C7* *C7*

Five golden rings.

F *Bb* *C7*

four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a

F^(1/2) *Bb*^(1/2) *F*^(1/2) *C*^(1/2) *F*

a partridge in a pear tree.

Tenth:

F *Dm* *Gm*^(½) *C*^(½) *F*
On the Tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
C7 *C7* *C7*
Ten lords a leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids a milking
C7 *C7*
Seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying
F *G7* *C7* *C7*
Five golden rings.
F *Bb* *C7*
four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a
F^(½) *Bb*^(½) *F*^(½) *C*^(½) *F*
a partridge in a pear tree.

Eleventh:

F *Dm* *Gm*^(½) *C*^(½) *F*
On the Eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me
C7 *C7* *C7*
Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords a leaping, Nine ladies dancing,
C7 *C7* *C7*
Eight maids a milking, Seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying
F *G7* *C7* *C7*
Five golden rings.
F *Bb* *C7*
four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a
F^(½) *Bb*^(½) *F*^(½) *C*^(½) *F*
a partridge in a pear tree.

Twelfth:

F *Dm* *Gm*^(½) *C*^(½) *F*
On the Twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me
C7 *C7*
Twelve drummers drumming, Eleven pipers piping,
C7 *C7*
Ten lords a leaping, Nine ladies dancing,
C7 *C7* *C7*
Eight maids a milking, Seven swans a swimming, six geese a laying
F *G7* *C7* *C7*
Five golden rings.
F *Bb* *C7*
four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a
F^(½) *Bb*^(½) *F*^(½) *C*^(½) *F*
a partridge in a pear tree.