

The Twelve Days of Christmas – Traditional (1780)

On the **[F]** 1st day of Christmas my **[C7 -]** true love gave to **[F -]** me:
a **[F -]** Partridge **[C7 -]** in a Pear **[F]** Tree.

On the **[F]** 2nd day of Christmas my **[C7 -]** true love gave to **[F -]** me:
[C] 2 Turtle Doves and a **[F -]** Partridge **[C7 -]** in a Pear **[F]** Tree

On the **[F]** 3rd day of Christmas my **[C7 -]** true love gave to **[F -]** me:
[C] 3 French Hens, **[C]** 2 Turtle Doves, and a **[F -]** Partridge **[C7 -]** in a Pear **[F]** Tree

On the **[F]** 4th day of Christmas my **[C7 -]** true love gave to **[F -]** me:
[C] 4 Calling Birds, **[C]** 3 French Hens, **[C]** 2 Turtle Doves,
and a **[F -]** Partridge **[C7 -]** in a Pear **[F]** Tree

On the **[F]** 5th day of Christmas my **[C7 -]** true love gave to **[F -]** me:
[F -] 5 **[G7 -]** Golden **[C -]** Rings **[C7 -]** **[F]** 4 Calling Birds, **[Bb]** 3 French Hens,
[C] 2 Turtle Doves, and a **[F -]** Partridge **[C7 -]** in a Pear **[F]** Tree

On the **[F]** 6th day of Christmas my **[C7 -]** true love gave to **[F -]** me: **[C]** 6 Geese a-laying,
[F -] 5 **[G7 -]** Golden **[C -]** Rings **[C7 -]** **[F]** 4 Calling Birds, **[Bb]** 3 French Hens,
[C] 2 Turtle Doves, and a **[F -]** Partridge **[C7 -]** in a Pear **[F]** Tree

On the **[F]** 7th day of Christmas my **[C7 -]** true love gave to **[F -]** me:
[C] 7 Swans a-swimming **[C]** 6 Geese a-laying,
[F -] 5 **[G7 -]** Golden **[C -]** Rings **[C7 -]** **[F]** 4 Calling Birds, **[Bb]** 3 French Hens,
[C] 2 Turtle Doves, and a **[F -]** Partridge **[C7 -]** in a Pear **[F]** Tree

On the **[F]** 8th day of Christmas my **[C7 -]** true love gave to **[F -]** me: **[C]** 8 Maids a-milking
[C] 7 Swans a-swimming **[C]** 6 Geese a-laying,
[F -] 5 **[G7 -]** Golden **[C -]** Rings **[C7 -]** **[F]** 4 Calling Birds, **[Bb]** 3 French Hens,
[C] 2 Turtle Doves, and a **[F -]** Partridge **[C7 -]** in a Pear **[F]** Tree

On the **[F]** 9th day of Christmas my **[C7 -]** true love gave to **[F -]** me: **[C]** 9 Ladies dancing,
[C] 8 Maids a-milking, **[C]** 7 Swans a-swimming, **[C]** 6 Geese a-laying,
[F -] 5 **[G7 -]** Golden **[C -]** Rings **[C7 -]** **[F]** 4 Calling Birds, **[Bb]** 3 French Hens,
[C] 2 Turtle Doves, and a **[F -]** Partridge **[C7 -]** in a Pear **[F]** Tree

On the **[F]** 10th day of Christmas my **[C7 -]** true love gave to **[F -]** me: **[C]** 10 Lords a-leaping
[C] 9 Ladies dancing, **[C]** 8 Maids a-milking
[C] 7 Swans a-swimming, **[C]** 6 Geese a-laying,
[F -] 5 **[G7 -]** Golden **[C -]** Rings **[C7 -]** **[F]** 4 Calling Birds, **[Bb]** 3 French Hens,
[C] 2 Turtle Doves, and a **[F -]** Partridge **[C7 -]** in a Pear **[F]** Tree

On the **[F]** 11th day of Christmas my **[C7 -]** true love gave to **[F -]** me: **[C]** 11 Pipers piping,
[C] 10 Lords a-leaping, **[C]** 9 Ladies dancing, **[C]** 8 Maids a-milking,
[C] 7 Swans a-swimming, **[C]** 6 Geese a-laying,
[F -] 5 **[G7 -]** Golden **[C -]** Rings **[C7 -]** **[F]** 4 Calling Birds, **[Bb]** 3 French Hens,
[C] 2 Turtle Doves, and a **[F -]** Partridge **[C7 -]** in a Pear **[F]** Tree

On the **[F]** 12th day of Christmas my **[C7 -]** true love gave to **[F -]** me:
[C] 12 Drummers drumming, **[C]** 11 Pipers piping,
[C] 10 Lords a-leaping, **[C]** 9 Ladies dancing, **[C]** 8 Maids a-milking,
[C] 7 Swans a-swimming, **[C]** 6 Geese a-laying,
[F -] 5 **[G7 -]** Golden **[C -]** Rings **[C7 -]** **[F]** 4 Calling Birds, **[Bb]** 3 French Hens,
[C] 2 Turtle Doves, and a **[F -]** Partridge **[C7 -]** in a Pear **[F]** Tree

Note: Song changes from 4/4 to 3/4 time and also slows down in places!!

Chords

