

# The Twelve Days of Christmas

For Four-Part Chorus of Mixed Voices  
with Piano (or Orchestra) Accompaniment\*

Traditional Christmas Song  
Arranged by Robert DeCormier

Moderato

Tenor

Bass

Piano

4 Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano

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7 *mp*  
 par - tridge— in a pear tree. On the sec-ond day she  
*mp*  
 par - tridge— in a pear tree. On the sec-ond day she  
 bong bong. *mf*  
 — bong — bong. On the sec-ond day of Christ-mas my  
 — bong — bong.  
*mf*  
 — bong. — On the sec-ond day of Christ-mas my

10 *mf*  
 gave to me And a par - tridge— in a pear  
*mf*  
 gave to me And a par - tridge— in a pear  
 true love gave to me Two tur-tle doves And a par - tridge— in a pear  
 true love gave to me Two tur-tle doves And a par - tridge— in a pear

13

tree. On the third day of Christ-mas my true love gave to me

tree. On the third day of Christ-mas my true love gave to me

*mp*

tree. On the third day she gave to me

*mp*

tree. On the third day she gave to me

7

16

Three French-hens And a par-tridge- in a pear tree.

Three French-hens And a par-tridge- in a pear tree.

Two tur-tle doves On the

Two tur-tle doves On the

20

Four cal-ling birds,  
 Four cal-ling birds,  
 four- day of Christ- mas my true love gave to me  
 four- day of Christ- mas my true love gave to me

23

three French- hens, two tur- tle doves and a par- tridge- in a pear  
 three French- hens, two tur- tle doves and a par- tridge- in a pear  
 three, two doves and a par- tridge- in a pear  
 three, two doves and a par- tridge- in a pear

26

tree. \_\_\_\_\_

tree. \_\_\_\_\_

tree. \_\_\_\_\_

tree. \_\_\_\_\_

rit.

30

Slower

On the fifth day of Christ - mas my true love gave to me

Slower

On the fifth day of Christ - mas my true love gave to me

Slower

On the fifth day of Christ - mas my true love gave to me

Slower

On the fifth day of Christ - mas my true love gave to me

Slower

7

33 *rit.* *a tempo*

Five gold— rings, four— cal— ling birds, three French hens,

*rit.* *a tempo*

Five gold— rings, four— cal— ling birds, three French hens,

*rit.* *a tempo*

Five gold— rings, four— cal— ling birds, three French hens,

*rit.* *a tempo*

Five gold rings, four— cal— ling birds, three French hens,

37 *p*

two— tur— tle doves And a par— tridge— in a pear tree.—

two— tur— tle doves,

two— tur— tle doves,

*p*

two— tur— tle doves And a par— tridge— in a pear tree.—

*p*

40 *mf*  
 On the sixth day of Christ - mas my  
*mf*  
 On the sixth day of Christ - mas my  
*mp* Bong(ng) bong bong  
*mp* Bong(ng) bong bong  
*mp* Bong(ng) bong bong  
*mp* Bong(ng) bong bong

43 *f poco rit.*  
 true love gave to me Six geese a - lay - ing, five gold — rings,  
*f poco rit.*  
 true love gave to me Six geese a - lay - ing, five gold — rings,  
 bong bong  
*f poco rit.*  
 bong bong five gold — rings,  
 bong bong  
*f poco rit.*  
 bong five gold rings,  
*poco rit.*

47 *a tempo*

four— cal-ling birds, three— French— hens,— two— tur-tle doves And a

*a tempo*

four— cal-ling birds, three— French— hens,— two— tur-tle doves And a

*a tempo*

four— cal-ling birds, three French hens, two— tur-tle doves

*a tempo*

four— cal-ling birds, three French hens, two— tur-tle doves

50 *mp*

par-tridge— in a pear tree.— On the sev-enth day she

*mp*

par-tridge— in a pear tree.— On the sev-enth day she

*mf*

On the sev-enth day of Christ - mas my

*mf*

On the sev-enth day of Christ - mas my

*tr*



53 *mf*

gave to me Six geese a - lay - ing,

gave to me Six geese a - lay - ing,

true love gaveto me Sev-en swans a - swim - ming,

true love gaveto me Sev-en swans a - swim - ming,

56 *Slowly* *a tempo*

five gold rings, four — cal - ling birds,

*Slowly* *a tempo*

five gold rings, four — cal - ling birds,

*Slowly* *a tempo*

five gold rings, three French hens,

*Slowly* *a tempo*

five gold rings, three French hens,

60

Two—tur-tle doves And a par - tridge— in a pear tree. On the

Two—tur-tle doves And a par - tridge— in a pear tree. On the

And a par - tridge— in a pear tree. On the

And a par - tridge— in a pear tree. On the

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 60 to 62. It includes four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and two piano staves. The lyrics are: "Two—tur-tle doves And a par - tridge— in a pear tree. On the". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand. Trills are indicated in the vocal lines.

63

eighth day of Christ-mas my true love gave to me, Eight maids a - milk-ing

eighth day of Christ-mas my true love gave to me, Eight maids a - milk-ing

*mp* eighth day she gave to me,

*mp* eighth day she gave to me,

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66 *Slower*

six geese a - lay - ing,

six geese a - lay - ing,

sev - en swans a - swim - ming

sev - en swans a - swim - ming

*Slower* gold

five gold rings

*Slower* gold

five gold rings

*Slower*

70 *a tempo*

four — cal - ling birds, two — tur - tle doves, And a

*a tempo*

four — cal - ling birds, two — tur - tle doves,

*a tempo*

three French hens, two — tur - tle doves,

*a tempo*

three French hens, two — tur - tle doves,

*a tempo*

73 S

par - tridge... in a pear tree.

77 S

meno

On the ninth day of Christ-mas my

A

meno

On the ninth day of Christ-mas my

T

meno

On the ninth... day of Christ-mas my

B

meno

On the ninth... day of Christ-mas my

meno

81 *a tempo*

true love gave to me *a tempo* eight maids a-milk-ing,  
*f p* *f p*  
 true love gave to me *f p* Nine, eight,  
*a tempo* *f p*  
 true love gave to me *f p* Nine, eight,  
*a tempo*  
 true love gave to me *a tempo* Nine la-dies danc-ing,

*a tempo*  
*sfz p*

84 *Slower*

six geese a-lay-ing,  
*f p* *f p* *Slower*  
 sev-en, six  
*f p* *f p* *Slower* gold—  
 sev-en, six, five gold rings,  
*f* *Slower* gold  
 sev-en swans a-swim-ming five gold—rings,  
*f* *Slower* gold  
*tr*

*Slower*

88 *a tempo*

four— cal—ling birds,

*a tempo*

And a par—tridge— in a pear

*a tempo*

three French hens,

*a tempo*

two—tur—tle doves,

92

tree.

Ten— Lords a—leap—ing,

Ten— Lords a—leap—ing,

On the tenth day she gave to me

On the tenth day she gave to me

*mf*

96

sev-en swans a-swim-ming,  
 sev-en swans a-swim-ming,  
 eight maids a-milk-ing,  
 nine lad-ies danc-ing,

99

Slower a tempo  
 six geese a-lay-ing, four cal-ling birds,  
 Slower a tempo  
 six geese a-lay-ing, four cal-ling birds,  
 Slower gold a tempo  
 six geese a-lay-ing, five gold rings, four cal-ling birds,  
 Slower gold a tempo  
 six geese a-lay-ing, five gold rings, four cal-ling birds,  
 Slower a tempo

103

two— tur- tle doves

two— tur- tle doves And a par- tridge— in a pear tree.

three French hens, two— tur- tle doves And a par- tridge— in a pear tree.

three French hens, two— tur- tle doves

107

Bong(ng) *mp* > bong > bong

Bong(ng) *mp* > bong > bong

Bong(ng) *mp* > bong > bong

Bong(ng) *mf* > bong > bong

On the e - lev-enth day of Christ- mas my

*mf*

On the e - lev-enth day of Christ- mas my



110 bong *mf* ten Lords a - leap - ing,  
bong *mf* ten Lords a - leap - ing,  
true love gave to me 'le - ven pip - ers pip - ing,  
true love gave to me 'le - ven pip - ers pip - ing,  
gliss.

113 sev - en swans a swim - ming,  
sev - en swans a swim - ming,  
eight maids a - milk - ing,  
nine lad - ies danc - ing,

116

*Slower* *a tempo*

six geese a - lay - ing, five gold — rings, four — cal - ling birds,

*Slower* *a tempo*

six geese a - lay - ing, five gold — rings, four — cal - ling birds,

*Slower* *a tempo*

six geese a - lay - ing, five gold — rings, four — cal - ling birds,

*Slower* *a tempo*

six geese a - lay - ing, five gold rings, four — cal - ling birds,

120

three French hens, two — tur - tle doves And a par - tridge — in a pear

three French hens, two — tur - tle doves And a par - tridge — in a pear

three French hens, two — tur - tle doves And a par - tridge — in a pear

three French hens, two — tur - tle doves And a par - tridge — in a pear

123 *rit.* Slower

tree.

tree.

tree.

tree.

*rit.* Slower

126

On the twelfth day of Christ - mas my

On the twelfth day of Christ - mas my

On the twelfth day of Christ - mas my

On the twelfth day of Christ - mas my

129 *poco a poco accel.*

true love gave to me Twelve drum - mers drum - ming,

*f p poco a poco accel. f p*

true love gave to me twelve, 'le - ven,

*f p > poco a poco accel. f p >*

true love gave to me twelve, 'le - ven

*poco a poco accel.*

true love gave to me 'le - ven pip - ers pip - ing,

*poco a poco accel. sfz*

132

ten Lords a - leap - ing, eight maids a - milk - ing,

*f p f p f p*

ten, nine, eight,

*f p > f p > f p >*

ten, nine, eight,

nine la - dies danc - ng,

*sfz sfz sfz sfz sfz sfz*

135

Slower

six geese a - lay - ing, five gold — rings,

*fp* Slower

sev - en, — six, five gold — rings,

*fp* Slower

sev - en, — six, five gold — rings,

Slower

sev - en swans a - swim - ming five gold — rings,

*sfz sfz sfz sfz* Slower

139

*a tempo* Slower

four — cal - ling birds, two — tur - tle doves And a

*a tempo* Slower

four — cal - ling birds, two — tur - tle doves

*a tempo* Slower

three French hens, two — tur - tle doves

*a tempo* Slower

three French hens, two — tur - tle doves

*a tempo* Slower

three French hens, two — tur - tle doves

142 S *a tempo*  
par-tridge— in a pear tree.

T *a tempo* Bong(ng)  
*p* Bong(ng)

B *a tempo* *p* Bong(ng)  
Bong(ng)

*a tempo mp* 7 6

145 rit.

bong bong bong bong

*rit.* bong.

bong.

*rit.* bong.

bong.

*rit.* bong.

bong.

*rit.* 6 *ff*

*pp*