

The twelve days of Christmas

1. On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
a partridge in a pear tree.
2. On the second day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.
3. On the third day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.
4. On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.
5. On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
five golden rings, four calling birds, three French hens,
two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.
6. On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love sent 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.
7. On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love sent 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.
8. On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love sent 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.
9. On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
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.

10. On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love sent 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.
11. On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
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 turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.
12. On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
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 turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree!

partridge = patrijs, *pear tree* = perenboom,
turtle doves = tortelduiven, *hens* = kippen,
geese = ganzen, *a-leaping* = springen,
lords = heren, *pipers* = doedelzakspelers