

# The Twelve Days of Christmas

## Version 4

Traditional

Collected by Edward Francis Rimbault (1816-1876)

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The first day of Christ-mas My mo-ther sent to me A par-ter-idge in a pear - tree. The

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se-cond day of Christ-mas My mo-ther sent to me Two tur-tle doves and a par-ter-idge in a pear-tree, &c.

[Begin at :S:]

The third day, &c.

Three French hens, two turtle-doves, and a part-er-idge, &c.

The fourth day, &c.

Four canary birds, three French hens, two turtle-doves, and a part-er-idge, &c.

The fifth day, &c.

Five gold rings, &c.

The sixth day, &c.

Six geese a-laying, &c.

The seventh day, &c.

Seven swans a-swimming, &c.

The eighth day, &c.

Eight ladies dancing, &c.

The ninth day, &c.

Nine lords a-leaping, &c.

The tenth day, &c.

Ten ships a-sailing, &c.

The eleventh day, &c.

Eleven ladies spinning, &c.

The twelfth day, &c.

Twelve bells a- ringing, &c.

*[Each child in succession repeats the gifts of the day, and forfeits for each mistake. As the song goes on, the music of the bar marked \* is repeated over and over.]*