60. The twelve days of Christmas

English traditional carol*
arranged by JOHN RUTTER

Vivace \((d = 72)\)  \(mp\)

SOPRANOS

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me A partridge in a pear tree.

Tenors

On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Adapted from the arrangement in Eight Christmas Carols (Set 2). Audience may sing melody line during sections marked \(f\) \(p\).

* Melody for “Five gold rings” added by Frederic Austin, and reproduced by permission of Novello & Co. Ltd.

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and a partridge in a pear tree.

Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

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.

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. On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me.
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Five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens,

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two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree. On the

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sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Six geese a-laying,
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five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree. On the

seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Sev'n swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold rings,
four calling birds, three French hens,
two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree. On the
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eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

Eight maids a - milk-ing,

sev'n swans a-swim-ming, six geese a - lay-ing, five gold rings,

four calling birds, three French hens, two tur - tle doves and a
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partridge in a pear tree. On the ninth day of Christmas my

68
true love sent to me Nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking,

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sev'n swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying, five gold...
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rings, four calling birds, three French hens,

ten lords a-leaping,

two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

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(mf) On the

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Ten lords a-leaping,

Ten
tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
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83  nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, sev'n swans a-swimming,

86  six geese a-laying, five gold rings, four calling birds,

90  three French hens, two turtle doves

three

two, and a partridge in a pear tree.
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Tree. On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me:

Eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me:

Pipers piping, lords leaping, ladies dancing,

Eighth maids a-milk, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying,
The twelve days of Christmas

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me

five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens,

two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.

molto allargando
117 \[\text{molto rall.} \quad \text{Maestoso}\]

six geese a-laying, five gold rings,

120 \[\text{Largamente}\]

four calling birds, three French hens,

122 \[\text{Allargando}\]

two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree.