



# The Twelve Days of Christmas (Key C) - 1780

artist - Various, writer - Traditional

Strumming Pattern - **Down Up**

Time Signature - **Variable 3/4 and 4/4**

Introduction - **None**

On the [C] first day of Christmas my [G] true love sent to [C] me:  
A [C] partridge in a [G] pear [C] tree.

On the [C] second day of Christmas my [G] true love sent to [C] me:  
[G] Two turtledoves, and a [C] partridge in a [G] pear [C] tree.

On the [C] third day of Christmas my [G] true love sent to [C] me:  
[G] Three French hens, two turtledoves, and a [C] partridge in a [G] pear [C] tree.

On the [C] fourth day of Christmas my [G] true love sent to [C] me:  
[G] Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtledoves,  
and a [C] partridge in a [G] pear [C] tree.

On the [C] fifth day of Christmas my [G] true love sent to [C] me:

**Chorus** [Em↓] Five [D↓] gold [G↓] rings... [G7↓],  
[C] four calling birds, [F] three French hens, [G] two turtledoves,  
and a [C] partridge in a [G] pear [C↓] tree.

On the [C] sixth day of Christmas my [G] true love sent to [C] me:  
[G] Six geese a-laying... **Go to Chorus**

On the [C] seventh day of Christmas my [G] true love sent to [C] me:  
[G] Seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying... **Go to Chorus**

On the [C] eighth day of Christmas my [G] true love sent to [C] me:  
[G] Eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying... **Go to Chorus**

On the [C] ninth day of Christmas my [G] true love sent to [C] me:  
[G] Nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking, seven swans a-swimming,  
six geese a-laying... **Go to Chorus**

On the [C] tenth day of Christmas my [G] true love sent to [C] me:  
[G] Ten lords-a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking,  
seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying... **Go to Chorus**

On the [C] eleventh day of Christmas my [G] true love sent to [C] me:  
[G] Eleven pipers piping, ten lords-a-leaping, nine ladies dancing, eight maids a-milking,  
seven swans a-swimming, six geese a-laying... **Go to Chorus**

On the [C] twelfth day of Christmas my [G] true love sent to [C] me:  
[G] 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... **Go to Chorus**