

12 Days of Christmas

Voice

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14th December
My dearest darling Edward,
What a wonderful surprise has just greeted me! That sweet partridge, in that lovely little pear-tree; what an enchanting, romantic, poetic present! Bless you,
and thank you.
With dearest love and affection
Emily.

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On the first day of Christ - mas, my

true love sent to me A part - ridge in a pear tree

On the se - cond day of Christ - mas, my

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true love sent to me Two tur - tle doves, and A part - ridge in a pear tree

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15th December
Beloved Edward,
The two turtle-doves arrived this morning, and are cooing away in the pear-tree as I write. I'm so touched and grateful!
With undying love, as always,
Emily.

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On the third day of Christ - mas, my true love sent to me

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Three french hens Two tur - tle doves, and A part - ridge in a pear tree

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16th December

My darling Edward,

You do think of the most original presents! Who ever thought of sending anybody three French hens? Do they really come all the way from France? It's a pity we don't have any chicken coops, but I expect we'll find some. Anyway, thank you so much; they're lovely.

Your devoted Emily.

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On the fourth day of Christ - mas, my true love sent to me

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Four cal - ling birds Three frenchhens Two tur - tle doves, and A part - ridge in a pear tree



17th December

Dearest Edward,

What a surprise! Four calling birds arrived this morning. They are very sweet, even if they do call rather loudly - they make telephoning almost impossible - but I expect they'll calm down when they get used to their new home. Anyway, I'm very grateful, of course I am.

Love from Emily.

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

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Five gold rings Four cal - ling birds Three french hens

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Two tur - tle doves, and A par - ridge in a pear tree

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18th December
Dearest Edward,

The postman has just delivered five most beautiful gold rings, one for each finger, and all fitting perfectly! A really lovely present! Lovelier, in a way, than birds, which do take rather a lot of looking after. The four that arrived yesterday are still making a terrible row, and I'm afraid none of us got much sleep last night. Mother says she wants to use the rings to "wring" their necks. Mother has such a sense of humor. This time she's only joking, I think, but I do know what she means. Still, I love the rings.

Bless you,
Emily.

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On the sixth day of Christ - mas, my true love sent to me

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Six geese a - lay - ing Five gold _____ rings Four cal - ling birds

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Three french hens Two tur - tle doves, and A part - ridge in a pear tree

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19th December

Dear Edward,

Whatever I expected to find when I opened the front door this morning, it certainly wasn't six huge geese laying eggs all over the porch. Frankly, I rather hoped that you had stopped sending me birds. We have no room for them, and they've already ruined the lawn. I know you meant well, but let's call a halt, shall we?

Love,

Emily.

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On the sev-enth day of Christ-mas my true love sent to me

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Sev-en swans a swim-ming Six geese a-lay-ing Five gold — rings

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Four cal-ling birds Three french hens Two tur-tle doves, and A part-ridge in a pear tree

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20th December

Edward,

I thought I said NO MORE BIRDS. This morning I woke up to find no less than seven swans, all trying to get into our tiny goldfish pond. I'd rather not think what's happened to the goldfish. The whole house seems to be full of birds, to say nothing of what they leave behind them, so please, please, stop!

Your Emily.

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On the eighth day of Christ - mas, my true love sent to me

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Eight maids a-milk-ing Sev-en swans a swim-ming Six geese a-lay-ing Five gold — rings

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Four cal-ling birds Three french hens Two tur-tle doves, and A part-ridge in a pear tree

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21st December

Frankly, I prefer the birds. What am I going to do with eight milkmaids? And their cows! Is this some kind of a joke? If so, I'm afraid I don't find it very amusing.

Emily.

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On the ninth day of Christ - mas, my true love sent to me

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Nine lad - ies danc - ing Eight maids a - milk - ing Sev - en swans a swim - ming Six geese a - lay - ing

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Five gold — rings Four cal - ling birds Three french hens

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Two — tur - tle doves, and A part - ridge in a pear tree

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22nd December

Look here, Edward,

This has gone far enough. You've sent me nine ladies dancing. All I can say is, judging from the way they dance, they're certainly not ladies. The neighbours just aren't accustomed to seeing a regiment of shameless women, cavorting round the garden, and it's Mother and I who get the blame. If you value our friendship, which I do (less and less), kindly stop this ridiculous behavior at once!

Emily.

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On the tenth day of Christ - mas, my true love sent to me

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Ten lords a-leap-ing Nine lad-ies danc-ing Eight maids a-milk-ing Sev-en swans a swim-ming Six geese a-lay-ing

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Five gold rings Four cal - ling birds Three french hens

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8^{va} 15^{ma}

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Two tur - tle doves, and A part - ridge in a pear tree

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23rd December

As I write this letter, ten rather old men are prancing up and down all over what used to be the garden, before the geese and the swans and the cows got at it. And several of them, I have just noticed, are taking liberties with the milkmaids and dancing ladies.

Meanwhile the neighbors are trying to have us evicted. I shall never speak to you again.

Emily.

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On the lev - enth day of Christ - mas my true love sent to me

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'lev-en pip-ers pip-ing Ten lords a-leap-ing Nine lad-ies danc-ing Eight maids a-milk-ing Sev-en swans a swim-ming

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Six geese a-lay-ing Five gold rings Four cal-ling birds Three french hens

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8va 15ma

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Two — tur - tle doves, and A part - ridge in a pear tree

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A musical staff for measure 149. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The staff contains a single measure with a whole note, represented by a black square on the second line from the bottom.

24th December

This is the last straw! You know I detest bagpipes! The place has now become something between a menagerie and a madhouse, and a man from the council has just declared it unfit for habitation. At least Mother has been spared this last outrage; they took her away yesterday afternoon in an ambulance to a home for the bewildered. I hope you're satisfied.

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On the twelfth day of Christ - mas, my true love sent to me

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155 *accel.*

Twelve drum - mers drum - ming 'lev - en pip - ers pip - ing Ten lords a - leap - ing

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Nine lad - ies danc - ing Eight maids a - milk - ing Sev - en swans a swim - ming Six geese a - lay - ing

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Grandioso

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Five gold rings Four cal - ling birds

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8^{va} 15^{ma}

8^{va}

molto rit.

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Three french hens Two tur - tle doves, and A part - ridge in a pear tree

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8^{va}

25th December

Our client, Miss Emily McCallister, instructs us to inform you that the entire percussion section of the Luxembourg Philharmonic Orchestra arrived at her premises at 7:30 this morning. She finds has no alternative but to seek an injunction to prevent you sending her further gifts – of any kind.

Yours faithfully,

Dewey, Cheatham & Howe
Solicitors.