

The Twelve Days of Christmas

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The Twelve Days of Christmas, also known as Twelvetide, is a festive Christian season celebrating the Nativity of Jesus. In some Western ecclesiastical traditions, "Christmas Day" is considered the "First Day of Christmas" and the Twelve Days are 25th December to 5th January. The Anglican Communion and Lutheran Church—the Twelve Days are identical to Christmastide.



A Partridge



Two Turtle Doves



Three French Hens



Four Calling Birds



Five Golden Rings



Six Geese a-lying



Seven Swans a-swimming



Eight Maids a-milking



Nine Ladies dancing



Ten Lords a-leaping



Eleven Pipers piping



Twelve Drummers drumming

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol that enumerates each day by the gifts given on each of the twelve days of Christmas. Frederic Austin was known to popularize the arrangement of the song we know today in 1909. The Isle of Man issued above twelve stamps on 19.10.2017, are designed by artist Catherine Rowe and each stamp represents one of the verses in the song from Twelve Drummers Drumming to the Partridge in a Pear Tree.

The 12th Verse of the carol "Twelve Drummers Drumming to the Partridge in a Pear Tree" is:

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.