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**Traditional English 'Forfeits' / Counting Song; "Mirth Without Mischief" (1780); Of French Origin**

**Music: Traditional Folk Melody arr. Frederic Austin (1909)**

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| **Intro** C F C G **(And a partridge in a pear tree)**  C G C  On the First day of Christmas my true love gave to me:  C F C G C  a par-tridge in a pear tree.  C G  On the Second day of Christmas my true love gave to  C G C F C G C  me: Two turtle doves, and a par-tridge in a pear tree.  C G  On the Third day of Christmas my true love gave to  C G  me: Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  C F C G C  and a partridge in a pear tree.  C G  On the Fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to  C G  me: Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two  C F C G C  turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.  C G C  On the Fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:  Em D G  Five - golden - rings.  C F G  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  C F C G C  and a partridge in a pear tree.  C G C  On the Sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:  G Em D G  Six geese-a-laying, Five - golden - rings.  C F G  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  C F C G C  and a partridge in a pear tree.  C G  On the Seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to  C G  me: Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a- laying,  Em D G  Five - golden - rings.  C F G  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  C F C G C  and a partridge in a pear tree..  C G  On the Eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to  C G  me: Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a- | | | | | Em D G  swimming, Six geese-a-laying, Five - golden - rings.  C F G  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  C F C G C  and a partridge in a pear tree.  C G  On the Ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to  C G  me: Nine ladies danci ng, Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a-laying,  Em D G  Five - golden - rings.  C F G  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  C F C G C  and a partridge in a pear tree.  C G C  On the Tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me :  G  Ten lords-a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a-laying,  Em D G  Five - golden - rings.  C F G  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  C F C G C  and a partridge in a pear tree.  C G C  On the Eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me:  G  Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords-a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a-laying,  Em D G  Five - golden - rings.  C F G  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  C F C G C  and a partridge in a pear tree.  C G C  On the Twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to 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,  Em D G  Five - golden - rings.  C F G  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, **(Pause)**  C F C G C  and a par - tridge - in a pear – tree. | | | | |
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| **Intro**  D G D A (And a partridge in a pear tree)  D A D  On the First day of Christmas my true love gave to me:  D G D A D  a par-tridge in a pear tree.  D D  On the Second day of Christmas my true love gave to  D A D G D A D  me: Two turtle doves, and a par-tridge in a pear tree.  D A  On the Third day of Christmas my true love gave to  D A  me: Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  D G D A D  and a partridge in a pear tree.  D A  On the Fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to  D A  me: Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two  D G D A D  turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree.  D A D  On the Fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:  F#m E A  Five - golden - rings.  D G A  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  D G D A D  and a partridge in a pear tree.  D A D  On the Sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:  A F#m E A  Six geese-a-laying, Five - golden - rings.  D G A  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  D G D A D  and a partridge in a pear tree.  D A  On the Seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to  D A  me: Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a- laying,  F#m E A  Five - golden - rings.  D G A  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  D G D A D  and a partridge in a pear tree..  D A  On the Eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to  D A  me: Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a- | | | | | F#m E A  swimming, Six geese-a-laying, Five - golden - rings.  D G A  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  D G D A D  and a partridge in a pear tree.  D A  On the Ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to  D A  me: Nine ladies danci ng, Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a-laying,  F#m E A  Five - golden - rings.  D G A  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  D G D A D  and a partridge in a pear tree.  D A D  On the Tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me :  A  Ten lords-a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a-laying,  F#m E A  Five - golden - rings.  D G A  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  D G D A D  and a partridge in a pear tree.  D A D  On the Eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me:  A  Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords-a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids-a-milking, Seven swans-a-swimming, Six geese-a-laying,  F#m E A  Five - golden - rings.  D G A  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves,  D G D A D  and a partridge in a pear tree.  D A D  On the Twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me:  A  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,  F#m E A  Five - golden - rings.  D G A  Four calling birds, Three French hens, Two turtle doves, **(Pause)**  D G D A D  and a par - tridge - in a pear – tree. | | | | |
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