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In memory of my father, Don  
J.R.



# THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



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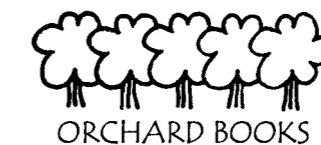
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*Jane Ray*



On the fifth day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Five golden rings . . .





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.

To  
My True Love  
x

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 second day of Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear tree.



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