

Full score

Commissioned for the 2022 Christmas Concert for
St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Highlands Ranch, Colorado

The Twelve Days of Christmas

For handbell trio



18th century English Christmas carol,
arr. Larry Sue (ASCAP)

$\text{♩} = 80$

mf

$\text{♩} = 126$

A partridge in a pear tree...

p

Two turtle doves...

mp

Three French hens...

mp

Four calling birds...

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Musical notation for the first system, measures 22 to 29. The music is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a melody of eighth notes and quarter notes, with some chords. Measure 25 includes a '2x' marking. Measure 29 ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Five gold rings...

Musical notation for the second system, measures 30 to 34. The music continues in the same key and time signature. Measure 30 is marked with a dynamic of *mf*. Measure 34 includes a 'Sk' marking and a fermata over a chord.

Six geese a-laying...

Musical notation for the third system, measures 40 to 43. The music continues in the same key and time signature. Measure 40 is marked with a dynamic of *mf* and a 'TD' marking. Measure 43 includes a 'R' marking.

Seven swans a-swimming...

Musical notation for the fourth system, measures 44 to 48. The music continues in the same key and time signature. Measure 44 is marked with a dynamic of *mp*. Measure 47 includes a 'Sk' marking and a fermata over a chord. Measure 48 includes a 'R' marking.

Eight maids a-milking...

Musical notation for the fifth system, measures 49 to 52. The music continues in the same key and time signature. Measure 49 is marked with a dynamic of *mp*. Measure 52 ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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Seven swans a-swimming...

51 *mp* 54 55 56 57 58

Musical notation for measures 51-58. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature is 3/4. Measure 51 starts with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Measure 58 ends with a fermata.

59 60 61 62 63 *mp* 126

Musical notation for measures 59-63. Measure 62 contains a 'Sk' (skat) instruction. Measure 63 has a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. Measure 63 ends with a fermata.

64 65 66 67

Musical notation for measures 64-67. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes.

Eight maids a-milking...

68 *mf* R TD 70 71

Musical notation for measures 68-71. The key signature changes to two sharps (D major). The time signature is 4/4. Measure 68 starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and includes a 'TD' (trill) instruction. Measure 70 includes an 'R' (roll) instruction.

72 73 74 75 76 *mp*

Musical notation for measures 72-76. Measure 75 contains a 'Sk' (skat) instruction. Measure 76 has a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic.

77 78 79 80

Musical notation for measures 77-80. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes.

Nine ladies dancing...

81 *mf* 82 83 84 85 87 88

Musical notation for measures 81-88. The key signature changes to three sharps (A major). The time signature is 3/4. Measure 81 starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes.



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130 131 132 133 134

135 136 137 138 139

140 141 142 143 144

mp

Twelve drummers drumming...

145 146 147 148 149

mf

150 151 152 153 154

accel. *accel.* *accel.* *accel.* *accel.*

155 156 157 158 159

$\text{♩} = 126$

mp

160 161 162 163 164 165

$\text{♩} = 80$

rit. *ff*