

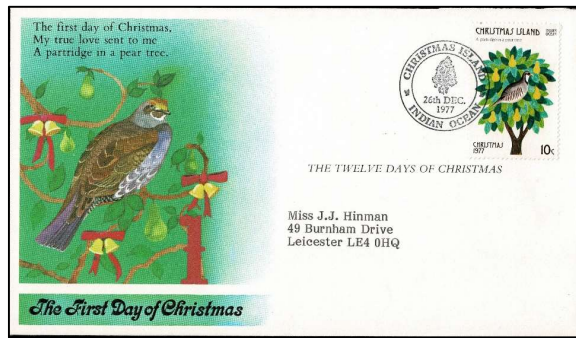
The Twelve Days of Christmas

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol that is one of the most popular and frequently recorded Christmas songs of the last century. The song was first published in England in 1780, but analysis of the lyrics suggests that the song originated in France.

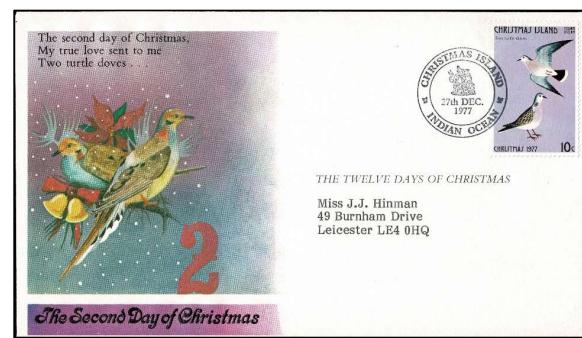
The song is about a list of gifts that someone receives from their "true love" on each of the 12 days of Christmas. These are the 12 days after Christmas; from 26 December, also known as the feast day of Stephen, to 6 January, Epiphany. Each verse is about one of these 12 days.

For each verse, a chain chorus is added to the list of gifts: in addition to the new gift given on that day, all the gifts from the previous verses are listed again. The day to which each verse belongs also indicates the number of that gift (1 copy on the first day, two on the second, etc.).

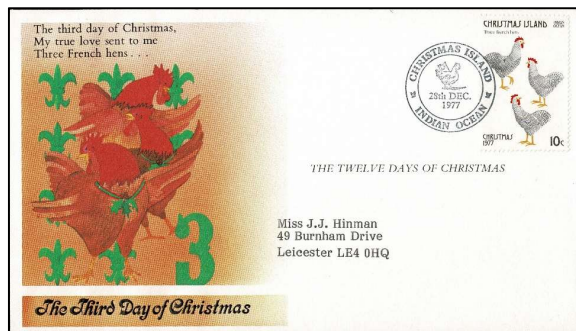
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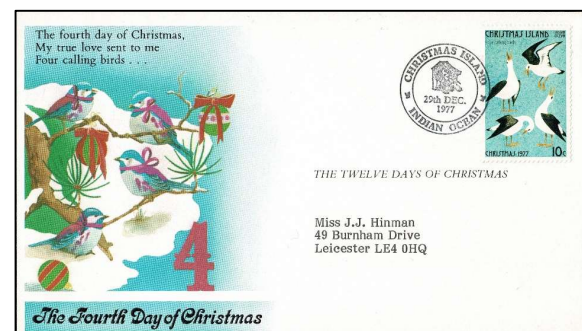
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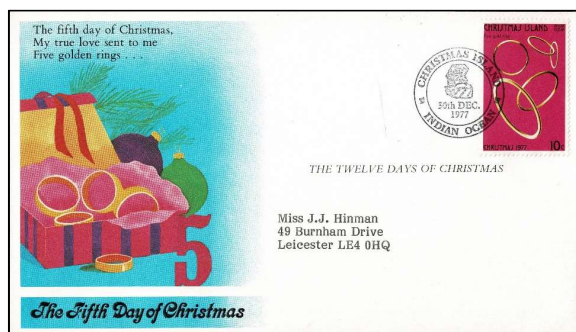
28 december (Tag der unschuldigen Kinder)



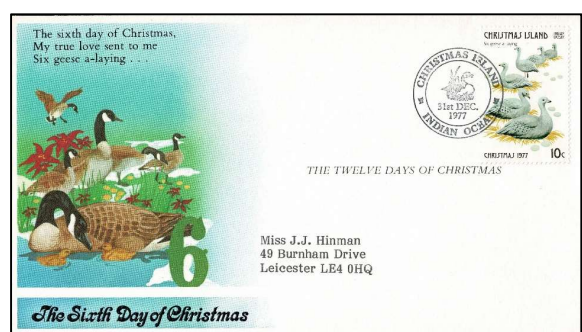
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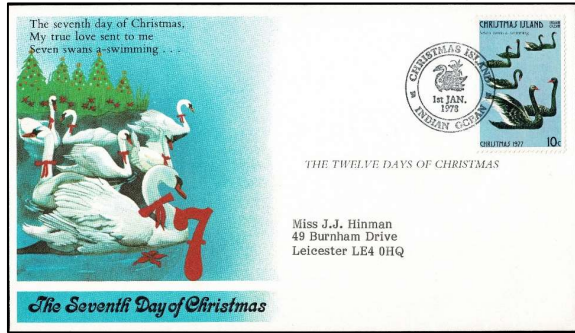
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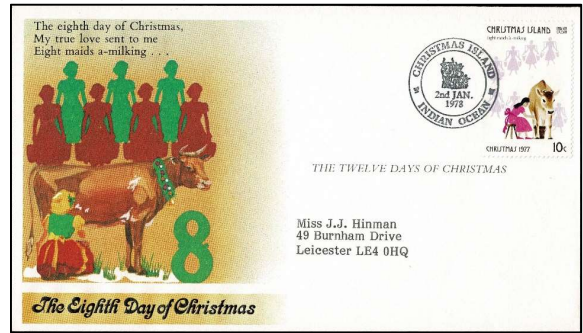
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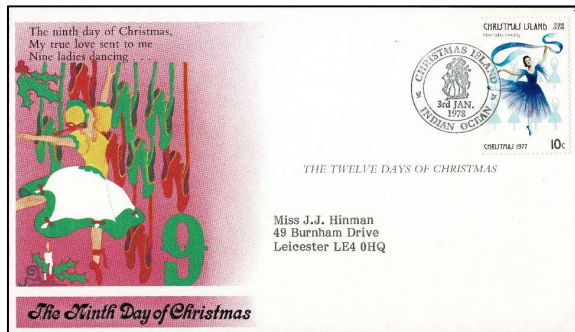
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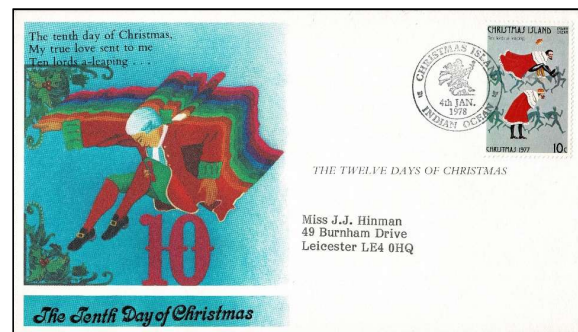
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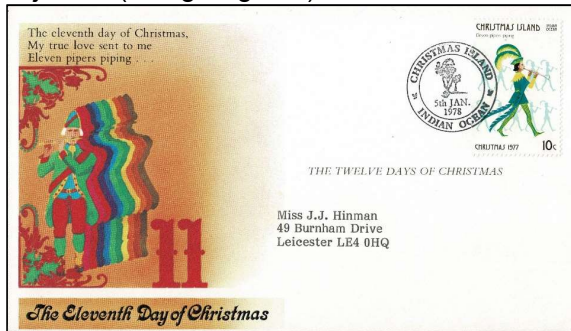
3 januar (Heilige Bertilia)



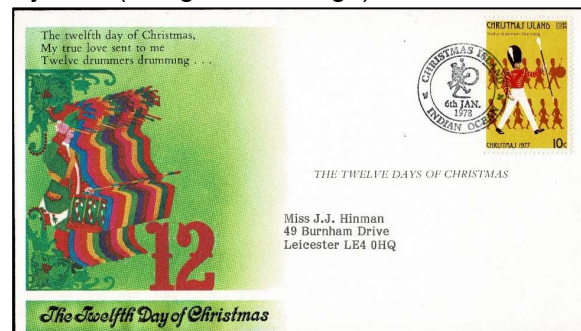
4 januar (Heilige Veronica)



5 januar (Heilige Agatha)



6 januar (Heilige Drei Könige)



And? All the presents recognised?

- A partridge in a pear tree
- Two turtle doves
- Three French hens
- Four calling birds
- Five golden rings
- Six egg-laying geese
- Seven swimming swans
- Eight milking maids
- Nine dancing ladies
- Ten jumping gentlemen
- Eleven playing bagpipes
- Twelve drumming drummers



You can download and listen to the song itself with the QR-code above.