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THE BIG CHRISTMAS BAKE

To David
– F.B.

To Ethan & Alicia. Wishing you
cake-filled christmases, always.
– P.C.

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Christmas day is over now, –
Santa's been and gone.
But Christmas lasts for twelve more days!
Let's put our aprons on....





On the first day of Christmas,
it's time to start the bake.
Let's head into the kitchen
to make a Twelfth Night cake.



The list of what we need is long!
Where will we find it all?
A partridge brings dried fruit and says
he'll give some friends a call.

Next day, two speckled doves arrive,
in something of a hurry.
They make it snow indoors for us,
a festive floury flurry!

Then three ballooning hens float by,
across the winter skies.
Some baking powder is their gift,
to help the cake to rise.





The fourth day and four penguins call,
with sugar, sweet and good.

That's what we need to make the cake
taste just the way it should.

And then, we take delivery
of five huge golden rings...



...of candied peel from oranges –
a treat for queens and kings.