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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....



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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.