



# A Gift for my True Love

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I had this plan to shower my true love with a gift a day starting on the 25th, but the problem is that I don't know what she wants. I narrowed it down to the following items which I think she'll like. In no particular order, here's what I was planning on giving:

- **Laurie** Anderson's "O Superman" CD
- Season 1 of "**My Fair** Wedding" on DVD
- "Occu PIED" sign for the outhouse
- A day of **mourning** for the celebrity of her choice
- CD of **Gagaku** Japanese Imperial Court music
- Weekend at the MADONNA Inn in San Luis Obispo, CA
- EAR muffs
- car **detailing**
- A **bag** of salt taffy
- **Boxing** gloves
- Ween's "CHOCOLATE and Cheese" CD
- A **bath tub** to put it all in

Ugh. But looking at that list, it's just a bunch of junk. She'd want me to be bold and just give her one thing that she really wanted. If I could get so far as breaking my list into four themes I'd feel like I was making progress. Can you help me figure out what to get her?

## HINTS

Group the 12 items into 4 categories of 3 items each

The way that items are grouped is by finding something that they (just the bold part) has in common. For example, plate, moon, and velvet all go together. (blue plate special, blue moon, and blue velvet).

## SOLUTION

Categories are (alphabetical)

DOVE (mourning dove, dovetail, Dove chocolate)

LADY ("My Fair Lady", "Lady Madonna", Lady Gaga)

PIPER (Piper Laurie, pied piper of Hamelin, bagpiper)

RING (earring, boxing ring, bathtub ring)

Maps to Song "12 Days of Christmas"

**2** turtleDOVES, **9** LADIES dancing, **11** PIPERS piping, **5** golden RINGS  
2, 9, 11, 5 indexes into the alphabet as B, I, K, E. The answer is a BIKE.