

Four-and-twenty Blackbirds baked in a pie?

The nursery rhyme Sing-a-song-of-sixpence, which describes four-and-twenty blackbirds baked in a pie, may be in memory of a medieval banquet in France. In 1454, members of the Order of the Golden Fleece – an order of knighthood founded by the Duke of Burgundy – held a sumptuous feast at which there was an enormous pie. Inside the pie were more than twenty musicians, who emerged to play for the guests!