Finally Summer By Suzy Hopkins

Nowadays the strawberries in the stores are big tasteless red blobs. You can buy them year round in almost any supermarket chain store.

When I was a kid there was a 'strawberry season.' It lasted two or three weeks. The local farm stand picked them fresh every day and you had to eat them that day or they would become mushy. I eagerly looked forward to that special time of the year.

By the time my family offered those little intensely flavored strawberries with powdered sugar I knew it was finally summer.