

[Author's Note] *In my high school creative writing class, we were challenged to write a short story of exactly 55 words. This is the fruit of my labor:*

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A family of four sat around their dinner table. Lucy, the oldest daughter, watched her little sister, Anna, intently. Soon, Anna began choking and turning purple. The girls' parents started to panic and frantically called an ambulance. Lucy turned around and muttered as she wrote in her notebook: "Red berries in the backyard – definitely poisonous." *