

The Red Flower

In the spring she blossoms

With vibrance and pride

A beautiful reminder of our gift to bear
life

She brings with her the fruits of summer

That changes a girl from a pod to a flower

Her absence may bring joy
May bring sorrow
May bring hope
A diamond in the rough
To a jewel we would hope

Fall is upon us We've grown stronger now Our green is just a little brown

She leaves us all with a different shimmer But what we have in common Is the strength of a mother

Winter time is a special one When she withers and falls to the ground She takes with her a piece of the sun And our apples are no longer round

All is not lost We've still got some time We've got to watch our caterpillars Turn to butterflies.

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