Midsummer Dreams

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Celebrate Midsommar as the Swedes do, with this tangy fruit-filled dessert. Just as Planet Earth whirls around the sun, strawberries whirl around in this luscious sugar and whipped cream topped cake roll.

Swedish Midsummer Dreams 3 eggs 3⁄4 cup sugar 1 cup flour

Filling: 3 tablespoons sugar 1 teaspoon baking powder 1/4 cup almonds, chopped Sugar for sprinkling on top 2 cups strawberries, mashed

Preheat oven to 450°.

Line a 12x15-inch baking tin with baking or parchment paper.

Beat eggs and sugar together until light and fluffy. Mix flour, baking powder, and chopped almonds together; fold carefully into the sugar and egg mixtures. Spread batter in the baking pan. Bake for about 5 minutes and remove from oven. Sprinkle sugar onto the warm finished cake and carefully turn it over onto a second sheet of parchment paper, sugared side down. Remove top sheet of parchment paper. If it won't loosen easily, brush with a little cold water.

Filling and assembly:

Stir sugar into the mashed strawberries; spread mixture onto the cake.

Roll up the cake from the long side and allow it to cool with the seam side down. Place roll on a tray lined with parchment paper and refrigerate for several hours before serving.

Cut into 1-inch thick slices to serve. Garnish with whipped cream and sliced strawberries. Serves 10.