

When Spring Comes to the DMZ

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When spring comes to the DMZ,
green shoots spring up in the meadows.
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But you cannot go there because
the razor wire fence is blocking the way.

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When spring comes to the DMZ,
the seal family swims from Bohai Bay
to Baengnyeong Island.

Warships from South Korea and North Korea
face off in the sea near the island,
but the seals come and go freely.



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When spring comes to the DMZ,
soldiers check the fence
and fix the broken places.

Grandfather climbs up
to the DMZ observatory
and looks at the northern sky.





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When summer comes to the DMZ,
the birds return to the Imjin River.
They build nests, hatch their young,
and make a loving family.



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When summer comes to the DMZ,
the otter brothers and sisters
cool off on hot days
by playing in the water,
and the young water deer
nibble on water lily leaves.



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When summer comes to the DMZ,
the soldiers march in line
and undergo exhausting training.

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Grandfather goes up to the DMZ again
and stares out over the northern land.

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