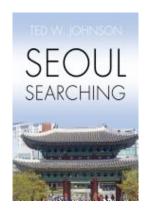
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First Edition

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We did much Seoul Searching today
On a city tour for several hours
The weather was a perfect 68 or so
The buses we were on did really go
Zipping through the city
Much of it quite pretty
Dressed up in spring blooms

Our major stop was the
Korean National Museum
We saw Buddhas by the dozens
Gold crowns, porcelain figurines
Of many things, including a camel
And at least hundreds of energetic kids
In their school uniforms

Because they had a wheelchair for me
I had a great time
But Betsy and Sarah as "pushers"
Were exhausted by the exit time

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We had Italian pizza
One with cheese, one with steak
Sitting calmly, eating
Was a change of pace

From interacting frantically with 10.5 million
Of the human race here in Seoul
We must have seen half of them today
As our buses rolled

We also saw a retired palace
Six hundred years old
With intricate roof carvings
Of critters and such
The blooming flowers added
To an impressive look
From us, our last
Touring energy it took

Sunrise Over Mount Hallasan

Because of an achin' back and neck I arose before five 'Cuz, what the heck?
Sleep had my body left

Betsy and I watched the sunrise
The sun rapidly appearing at 6:13
From behind the mountain
In one of the fastest risings
I have ever seen

By 6:18 the sun was completely
Above the slope of Mount Hallasan
Bathing our little portion of Jeju
In a bright morning light
The calm and quiet around us
Made it a peaceful sight

Betsy and I immediately knew Why Sarah was so happy To leave Seoul for Jeju The contrast in feel Was very real



Women Brave and Strong

Not knowing what to expect
We went to the Woman Diver's Museum next
We were pretty impressed
By the museum and the women

For four hundred years
Haenyeo (women divers)
Have been diving on and near Jeju
Harvesting sea weed, abalone,
Shellfish and octopi
In the cold waters

Some women have careers From age 13 to 80! Virtually every day diving For about four hours

They dive to 50 feet
Stay under two minutes at a time
With abilities incredible
They bravely harvest the sea
The videos of their dives
Were amazing to see

Teddy Bears Everywhere

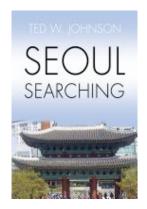
About one o'clock, the three of us Embarked on another adventure This one at Daejeong The drive wasn't long

The Teddy Bear Museum
Inspired by American President Teddy Roosevelt
Is a place filled with humor and whimsy
With at least hundreds of stuffed bears to see
Ranging from Einstein to Smokey

Three floors of bears to see
In a wheelchair, me
Sarah providing the "horsepower"
For a couple of enjoyable hours
Cinderella and Snow White themes
Mixed with women divers
And a manger scene

A great place for kids
Of which I'm the biggest one
It was great fun
Including the gift shop

With bride and groom bears
Standing, at each other gazing
Under an arch
Amazing!



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