Compassion and Connection

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 *The first day of spring arrives,*

*Neighbors exchange cheery smiles and beaming eyes.*

*Vietnam welcomes the beautiful season with open arms.*

*And everyone knows that there will be no harm.*

*Tết, the festival of grace,*

*Brings a smile on each other's face,*

*Gathered around the family's shrine,*

*A time when our hearts intertwine.*

*From near and far, they journey back,*

*The bonds of love can never lack,*

*Embracing each member with open hearts, Every person plays their part.*

*Young and old, they dance with glee, Underneath the flower tree,*

*With lanterns aglow, they sway*

*Together they light the way*

*And as the fireworks ignite,*

*Illuminating the dark night,*

*Tết's warmth spreads like a flame,*

*“Sự ấm áp và đoàn kết thật đẹp", they exclaimed,* ◼