

KYSTEN
THE COAST

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Kysten

Det er april måned. Foråret er lige om hjørnet. Mod vest ind mod land ligger de store græsklædte bakker. Engang var de de yderste holme i et ørige, der strakte sig mange kilometer mod vest. Men landet hævede sig, og i dag er landskabet bag de græsklædte bakker omdannet til mose og kær.

Om blot en måned bliver bakkerne farvet grønne af det frodige græs, og lærken kommer tilbage og underholder med sin liflige sang højt på himlen.

Mod øst danner havet horisonten. Når der bliver ebbe, kan man færdes tørskoet på sandbund op til en kilometer fra kysten. Få timer før var sandbunden her dækket af hav.

Tidevandet afslører mange af bunddyrene. Dette er et rigt fødekammer for havfuglene.

Den flade kyst er fyldt med fladfisk. Landsbyen bag bakkerne var hjemsted for fiskerne. I små både tog de ud på havet. Havets rigdom brødfødte mange familier. Tæt på strandkanten står nogle skure fortsat tilbage, og der ligger joller og fiskegarn rundt omkring.

Ude på havet ses de store skibe i horisonten. Er det den flyvende hollænder, der spiller sit spil ude i horisonten?

Behøver jeg at fortælle, at dette sted er et af mine yndlingssteder i det himmerlandske landskab?

The coast

It is the month of April. Spring is just around the corner. To the west towards land the large grassy hills lay. Once upon a time, they were the outer islets of an island kingdom that stretched many kilometres to the west. But the land uplift has today transformed the landscape behind the grassy hills into bog and meadow.

In just a month, the hills will be coloured green by the lush grass, and the lark will return and entertain with his delicious song high in the sky.

To the east, the sea forms the horizon. When low tide, you can move dry-shod on sandy ground about one kilometre from the coastline. A few hours before, the sandy bottom was covered in sea. The low tide reveals

many of the small animals living in the shallow waters. This is a rich food chamber for the seabirds.

The shallow sea is home to flatfish. The fishermen lived in the village behind the hills. In small boats, they went out to sea. The wealth of the sea supplied many families. Close to the shoreline, some sheds remain, and all around there are dinghies and fishing nets.

Out at sea, the vessels are seen on the horizon. Is it the Flying Dutchman playing his game out there?

Do I have to tell you, that this place is one of my favourite places in the Himmerland countryside?



Ved Dokkedal, Østhimmerland, april 2018

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