

Lost among the Riff-raff

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Poor, pocked Ceres- dwarf planet
trapped among mere asteroids-

devoid of its own distinct orbital path,
like the real planets, though endowed

with great, bright, mysterious spots
that have astronomers pondering and pondering

until Dawn breaks with new news
the mainstream media will find

far too esoteric to obsess about
for numerous news cycles.

If Ceres were a plane lost
or some grisly, isolated, terrorist event

in Prague, perhaps, or Brussels
its press would be much better

