

# 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

