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Lewis and Clark didn't really know where
They were going, they had a vacant
Map and reports of wondrous geography.
They said to each other at the outset
"Let's go on together, there is no other
I'd rather share the journey with!"
They got prepared for what they didn't
Know, how to keep their eyes open
And loved the land they were passing
Through and every living thing they saw.
They took what they needed to survive
And left the rest untouched, knowing
Others would stop where they had pushed
On. They had a needless fight with a bear.

YESTERDAY THE DENVER POST REPORTED

Yesterday the Denver Post reported
In its Sunday edition, "Intelligence
Found among many animals, New
Studies uncover their skills." I
Was grunting and scratching my
Ribcage, reading this. Apparently,
The brainiest share 99 percent of
Our DNA, can compute enough
To know that one and one is
More than one, can talk to each
Other, teach how tools can crack
A nut or make a cutting edge,
Recognize themselves in the mirror.
I read in Saturday's edition how
The missing 1 percent also learns
From the other chumps who aim rockets
At us, and we at them.