

The Oregon Wilderness

As Clark and Lewis reached the open sea
The fifth year of the 19th century
Fulfilling both their dream and destiny
They must have laughed and shouted joyfully
To celebrate the end of their journey.

By navigating through the forestry,
Foregoing lives of wealth and luxury,
Negotiating through hostility,
Exhibiting uncommon bravery,
They earned a place in U.S. history.

Despite their newly found celebrity
They handled it with great humility.
Past their 200th anniversary
They've left us with a lasting legacy.

But Crater Lake they never got to see,
Or how the Beaver State has come to be
A leading voice for world ecology.
So now it's our responsibility
To make a lasting nature strategy
And treat our natural gifts respectfully.



© Bill Amirault – 2007