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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

Dr. Charles F. Brooks,  
of Clark University,  
tells of:

THE LION AND THE LAMB

Though one cannot credit the old forecast that if "March comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb", and vice-versa, one can readily grant the resemblance of March to both animals. March is the very stormiest month of the year in the northern hemisphere, hence certainly at times a roaring lion. In March the polar regions have reached their lowest temperature. The sun is just starting to rise there, while the south, on the other hand, is warming rapidly. The sun is overhead at the equator on the 21st. These great temperature differences strengthen the general circulation of the atmosphere, and favor storminess and high, roaring winds. But though the house may rattle and creak in the gale one day, before long a warm sunny interval full of spring promise will banish the lion and introduce March in the role of the lamb.

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