

The Allegory

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in your t-shirt
and your cotton
and laundry-dull
pyjama bottoms

you look like
some allegory
of painted renaissance.

“lust, come up out of her well,
sitting on her ankles,
reading a book”

DS Maolalai has been nominated eight times for Best of the Net and five times for the Pushcart Prize. His poetry has been released in two collections, "Love is Breaking Plates in the Garden" (Encircle Press, 2016) and "Sad Havoc Among the Birds" (Turas Press, 2019.)