

HEIR LOOMS:

Some Thoughts in Honour of D. H. Lawrence

Why should a few black strands
of wistful hair
be something about which
censors care?

Do the curly jungles
below the deserts of our skin
really cause perversity or sin?

The heirlooms of history
offer many varieties
of public and private hair –
yet

no fig leaf
spray paint
or razor blade
can obscure the fact
that in the tropics
down there

the turf is naturally wild
temperatures high
& terrain unpredictable.

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