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## Julie Maclean: Dreaming of Lost Things

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Julie Maclean has been shortlisted for *The Crashaw Prize* (Salt), *Whitmore* (2010 and 2013) and *Press Press* manuscript prizes, and was a joint winner of the *Geoff Stevens Poetry Prize* (UK). *When I saw Jimi*, her debut collection, was published in 2013 by [Indigo Dreams Publishing](#), UK.

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### Babushka

So when we get there  
 her Christmas decorations  
 are still up  
 It's April I say  
 What's going on?  
 She says she loves them  
 Russian designs on gold  
 shot cloth  
 He's sitting in front  
 of the screen  
 No move to make  
 small talk  
 She tells me she's left him  
 seven times and tomorrow  
 she's going  
 for real  
 Little girls  
 no bigger than your ring finger  
 lashed together by red ribbon  
 skipping all over the walls  
 Nailed on  
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### G

I have started to dream of lost things:  
 a blue button from my coat, an aspirin tablet,

Siamese cat called Milly  
Then you came, ready  
for a party in a black cocktail dress  
wreathed in red roses  
which was fitting, since I've been dead to you  
for some time now,  
and of those lost things  
I would like you, above all, back again  
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## Snuff Copenhagen Style

On the boat we're rows of well behaved  
blue in a cloud of plastic poncho.  
The Little Mermaid's in the wrong place.  
She's too small and has her back to me.  
I want to see the join where the samurai  
beheading took place, the arm filleted.  
Today she is ravaged from all angles,  
wide and zoom  
We take the train to Elsinore.  
Ophelia outside the station is reunited  
with her man in life-size interpretation.  
She has the face of a blow-up doll.  
A Manga moll. My lovely girl  
on her barge of abandonment in  
Pre Raphaelite Delight (name for an ice cream)  
daisies in her hair in Midsumma Madness  
(another one) reduced to a copper troll.  
And it rained

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