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Bouclé yarn was originally developed in order to frustrate mass machine production.

How does a small kink begin to answer
the factory's dazzling, rapid line? How to do
more damage now than Luddites ten years before,
all hung now or shipped to Australia? How to

speak the hook of the word by day and gather,
dressed as men, to use the word by night when,
dressed in bonnets and skirts, they shatter
the huge inhuman looms? Centuries gone:

He wears the rough loops Leicestershire weavers
used to compete with machines. All the way
out the door, through traffic, through piano
wire of noise, he's walking toward a great
unplanned place—alley, park, broken pot or bowl—
a place where shaped things can't help but unravel.