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## TEXTILE WORKER

At first glance  
it seems to be the moon wandering  
late through the April  
sky. But she looks  
again, decides it's only a cloud  
then turns back  
to the clattering bobbins.  
Nine years old, she  
knows enough to braid  
her hair tight  
and high, to roll her sleeves  
beyond the elbow.  
She will bring home  
two dollars a week.

Six years into her future  
she remembers  
the sun filtered through  
windows. Six years  
forward she wanders  
late through a moonless  
night, her one arm  
a beacon  
and a loom.