

Zoot: A Rondel

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In '42, Los Angeles banned the zoot suit.
Crime came woven into the clothes some wore.
A zoot suit was all you'd need to start a war:
"Tell me what you wear, and I'll tell you if you shoot."

Zoot-suited gangs incited foes to riot.
A zoot suit said, "It's time to settle the score."
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The city's peace hung from the clothes you wore.

Baggy pants and a flamboyant long coat—
didn't the Huns wear something similar?
Our brave boys overseas were dressed in gore.
Get into a uniform or else salute.
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