

Email **Nancy Giguere**
Announcement

You hit send.
Joyful zeros and ones
hum through telephone wires
singing of your grandson,
like a full church choir
announcing life begun
this bright day.

Dedicated
servers pulse with gleeful
streams of kilobytes,
digital waves so full
of life and delight,
binary code that pulls
together

friends dispersed,
once girls designing
lives of love and pleasure,
now grandmothers mining
this startling treasure,
jewels of our jewels, shining
in our night.

NANCY GIGUERE is a freelance writer and editor in St. Paul, Minnesota. She completed a PhD in romance languages in 1981 at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She often writes on scientific and health-related topics; her column on health-care careers appears every Sunday in the Jobs section of the Minneapolis-based Star Tribune. Her short play, "A Kitchen Sink Drama", was produced by Bedlam Theatre in 2007 during its sixth annual community 10-minute play festival in Minneapolis. Her story "Road Trip" was short-listed for the 2009 Fish Publishing One-Page Story Prize. Giguere notes that the inspiration for her poem was "an email from a friend in Tucson announcing the birth of her first grandchild. This was a few years back when it still seemed quite miraculous that all those zeros and ones could announce such glad tidings."