

women telecommunications workers in a setting where most workers were men.

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## MARY BOLAND-DOYLE

### A Prayer for Remission

I look around at all these kids and think -  
so many here will never drive a car,  
or go to prom, or go out for a drink  
and talk of clothes and music at a bar.  
I cannot say by looking what their chance  
of living past leukemia will be.  
Their blood will stir to poison not romance,  
I pray for them, but I pray more for me.  
This sisterhood is one nobody wants -  
we live the thing that no one wants to name.  
Sororities that no one wants to join -  
and bargaining with God to ease their pain.  
Just give this all to me, I'm raw with need.  
To save my child I'd beg, I'd die, (I plead).

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