

Smart phone use is quickly going global
So what's in store for gesture on your mobile?

Will everything we do be tap and glide
And pinch to zoom on screens three inches wide?

Or should we look ahead to coming years
When some new form of mobile phone appears

With built in 3D ranging, and a dense
Array of I.R. lasers from PrimeSense

And maybe even sonar, I suppose,
You wear around your wrist or on your nose

As screens get ever smaller, let's surmise
That A R contact lenses in your eyes

Will let you simply stare off in the void.
Who needs to hold an iPhone or a Droid

When you can stroll along, and use your hands
For gesturing your various commands?

In front of you a magic scene just floats
You navigate by waves and double quotes.

You'll open up your mail by pulling out
And flinging all your documents about.

Point to launch an app, or make it fit,
Maybe one more gesture, just to quit.

It seems in such a future we can't lose
When everyone can get to be Tom Cruise

Being, like, some symbol of technology
Except, of course, without the Scientology.

But wait, is this the question to be asking
In a world of social networks, multitasking,

Facebook, Twitter, Google plus? The Crowd
Appears to be the reason for the Cloud.

When the social norm is seven conversations
All at once, in endless permutations

Then just go ask your kids what's coming next
Because, of course, they'll all be using text.

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