

THE GIFT

I sat at the foot of the sterile hospital bed,
watching a rerun of Walker, Texas Ranger.
The wait- it seemed like days but was merely hours.
Finally, a puddle of fluid came trickling over my hand.

I once drove a motorcycle 150 MPH and Corvette 144.
I was responsible for 10 million dollars and 8 restaurants at 24.
I've scaled an 80' tree just to see what's up there.
I've snorkled with fish bigger than me in the Caribbean.
I met and obtained a signed football from Drew Bledsoe.
I jumped 50' off a cliff into the water below.
I helped deliver a breached Holstein bull at age 12.
I've seen my favorite band play live five times.
I once dated 5 women in the same week and didn't mix up their names.
I've pulled three men from a burning car.
I was elected to the local board of education at 19.

But I've never been more blown away:
Than when I witnessed my beautiful baby boy thrust with urgency
onto his mother's belly, waiting for me to cut the cord.

Chad Evans