Blogging and Bloggers....

Now of course there are the many <u>tangents' bloggers here</u> and I really like to visit their sites, but I want to call my readers attention to a blog listed under Widows/Widowers. Check out <u>SHR Images and Photography.</u> The pictures are just stunning.

I will be the first to admit, I know very little about the art of photography. I enjoy taking pictures now and then, but it is now more for the technical side (thank goodness for Digital cameras) than any artistic drive. I take lots and lots of pictures, delete all the bad ones and keep a precious few. If I happen to take any with artistic appeal, it was all luck. I tend to see something I like and take pictures.

On the SHR site, I don't think the pictures are taken in quite the same fashion. They touched me deeply. I thought I should share this with other readers of my blog. Enjoy

The Prize

In my previous post I was looking for the title of a song and the artist who sings it, and I promised a prize to anyone who could provide me with the info. Two readers and fellow bloggers, justj and derek, successfully completed the challenge. So what's their prize? A blog post of recognition, of course!

Alright, that's dumb. It's going to make sure that people never take any challenges I offer again. Isn't just knowing that you helped a friend enough? Of course it is, but you were promised a prize. Maybe I can treat your ears to a round

of *Senorita Mas Fina* (that's the name of the song I was looking for in case you're wondering, and it's sung by Kevin Fowler).

Just kidding! I won't make you listen to the song. It really seems like something only a country music lover would like — cheesy lyrics, hokey theme, obscene amount of twang — the kind of song I can really use to tease my friends who hate country music!

Well, thanks again derek and justj for playing and for coming up with the info I was looking for. And it's ironic, I did do searches myself, and I did come up with the name Kevin Fowler, but before I was able to listen to the song, I had to do something else (the baby has been crying for 3 days straight — teething), and I guess I forgot I was close to a result when my computer crashed. So thanks for helping me, and you will get more than the blog post recognition I had planned — I will have a real prize the next time I see each of you — something small, but maybe a little better than blog recognition and being made to listen to an extreme lesson in the country music technique of twang. Thanks for playing!

A Toast to The Best!

You know, it's not easy to be the best at something... Anything. Sure, you can be good — even great. But to be the best it means there is nobody better. You are IT. The one, the only one. The best.

I am good at a few things... Computers, ummm... Well, computers. I am pretty good with computers. I can probably think of one or two other things I am good at if I try. But the best? Nope. I am "the best" at nothing. But as amazing

as it may seem, I do know a few people who truely are the best at what they do - and it amazes me every day.

First is my wife <u>Lisa</u>. She is the BEST wife (for me) possible. Sure, I would be happy with a good wife. I would be thrilled to have a great wife. But how the heck did I land THE BEST wife? It's true. There is no one in this world that would be a better wife for me than her.

She understands me; which is hard to do. She loves me unconditionally; equally hard. And she always complements my life. **She is the best!** And if you read her blog you will see she is pretty talented at writing too!

Then there is my daughter Disney. SHE is the best baby anyone could hope for! She is always smiling, she is super snuggly, she listens well, she is concerned about others, and ooooohhhh soooooo cute! She is the best. There couldn't be a better baby in my life!

Of course there is Samantha. She drives me crazy! She is so unique and has such a strong will and strong spirit that she always keeps me on my toes. Her energy and her unique qualities are just magical to me. She is just the best. She is the best at being the excitement this family needs on a daily basis. There is no other person in our family so uniquely special. She is just wonderful in such a unique (hair-going-gray-fast) kind of way.

There is also our oldest, Taylor. She can always put other's feelings first. I remember when she was 5 and at the annual easter egg hunt. Her and another girl were staring down a big chocolate egg and were off to the races. Taylor got there first and got the egg... And then promptly handed it to the other girl. She likes making others feel good, and in our family, she is the best! She is the best at being sweet and taking care of her sisters!

I have some friends who are the best too. In fact, my friend

<u>Derek</u> is the best at being loyal. I know many loyal people. But Derek's loyality has spanned much time and much trial. He is simply the best at being loyal (to me). The guy can also sing like WOW and can sometimes make me look like a computer novice!

My friend John is always able to give quality input to any situation. He is the best at it... John has such a vast knowledge of... Well, everything. Whenever I need to know anything about anything, I ask John. You should too. Because John is the best at this. There is nobody I know better. Not to mention that he is a friggin genuis and darn good actor!

Then there is <u>Jamy</u>, another blogger here. The guy is just plain nice. All the time, and to everybody. Yes, he has the art of being a nice guy down perfect. He is the best at being nice. Sounds weird to be the best at being nice, but if you meet Jamy you will know what I mean. But for a nice guy he plays a great bad-guy on stage and is one of the most talented character actors I've had the privilage of working with!

I just think all the time about how lucky I am to have such an amazing wonderful family and such great friends.

This is a toast to you guys, you are all the best!!

Especially Lisa [Seriously, she is the BEST!!!