Claire's Ninth

Ben Folds

So she stands and waits and waits at the school gate
They're late, they come, so dumb
In two cars when they agreed one
And it's gone wrong on her birthday
So they go to Joe's for pizza and ice cream
They sit and stare and Claire just wants to be 9 and a half
Next year she'll tell them she only wants world peace
But Claire, Claire baby
I wish you knew how this all got twisted
I wish you could see right inside us
In all of this stuff, the best of us that we can't get out
What's the point of this
What's wrong with two birthdays
It's cool at school
Her friends, they all have two birthdays

Oh geez, he just asked the waitress out on a date on her birthday
But Claire, Claire baby
I wish you knew how this all got twisted
I wish you could see right inside us
In all of this stuff, the best of us that we can't get to
Here's the cheque
They pay with two cards like they've never met
Goodbyes outside; it's cold in LA
Claire, Claire baby
I wish you knew how this all got twisted
I wish you could see right inside us
The best of us for most of us
Or what we were, you're all that's left
It used to be our birthday too

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