## **Bastard**

## **Ben Folds**

The old bastard left his ties and a suit A brown box, mothballs and bowling shoes And his opinion so you'd never have to choose Pretty soon, you'll be an old bastard too You get smaller while the world gets big The more you know, you know you don't know shit The whiz man'll never fit you like the whiz kid did So why you gotta act like you know when you don't know? It's okay if you don't know everything Why you gotta act like you know when you don't know? It's okay if you don't know everything Close your eyes, close your ears young man You've seen and heard all an old man can Spread the facts on the floor like a fan Throw away the ones that make you feel bad Kids today gettin' old too fast They can't wait to grow up so they can kiss some ass They get nostalgic about the last ten years Before the last ten years have passed So why you gotta act like you know when you don't know? It's okay if you don't know everything Why you gotta act like you know when you don't know? It's okay if you don't know everything Tears land on a hand, on the chest The old bastard had a paradigm arrest You got smaller and the world got big The more you knew we knew we didn't know shit The whiz man never fit him like the whiz kid did Why you gotta act like you know when you don't know? 'Cause It's okay if you don't know everything Why you gotta act like you know when you don't know? It's okay if you don't know everything

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