

# Picture Window

Ben Folds

They checked into the hospital New Year's Eve  
Nothing to be done about that  
Rainbows, daffodils; she's not naive  
Symbolism's all crap  
There's a big picture window in their room  
On the ward, with a view of a parliament hill  
But the view offers more joy than they can afford  
When there's this much pain to kill  
You know what hope is?  
Hope is a bastard  
Hope is a liar  
A cheat and a tease  
Hope comes near you?  
Kick it's backside  
Got no place in days like these  
At dusk the darkness surrenders to color  
As the fireworks streak the sky  
And their window gives them the prettiest picture  
Their useless luck makes her wanna cry  
Then it turns midnight, the shitty old year spent  
Another Mom gives her some sparkling wine  
And she nearly gives in to the moment  
But he'll still be sick in 2009

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Just as she's thinking of pulling the blind down  
A rocket bursts in front of her eyes  
The city lit up like a crown on London  
And she tries and fails to stop spirits rise  
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