

# 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 peaceBut 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 outWhat'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 birthdayBut 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 toHere's the cheque  
They pay with two cards like they've never met  
Goodbyes outside; it's cold in LAClaire, 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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