

Ben Folds & Nick Hornby "Claire's Ninth"

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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 nine 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
Cause 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
Aw jeez, 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
Cause all of this stuff, the best of us
That we can't get to

[Instrumental solo]

Here's the check, they pay with two cards like they've
never met
Goodbyes
Outside, it's cold in L.A.

Claire, Claire baby

I wish you knew how this all got twisted
I wish you could see right inside us
The best of us, the most of us
You're what we were, you're all that's left
It used to be our birthday too

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