

Claire's Ninth
Ben Folds

G **Em** **Bm** **D**
So, she stands and waits, and waits at the school gate.

G **Em** **Bm** **C** **C#dim**
They're late. They come, so dumb, in two cars when they agreed one,
C **C#dim** **C**
And it's gone wrong, on her birthday.

G **Em** **Bm** **D**
So, they go to Joe's for pizza and ice cream.

G **Em** **Bm** **C** **C#dim**
They sit and stare, and Claire just wants to be nine-and-a-half.
C **Em** **G6**
Next year, she'll tell them she only wants world peace.

D/G - G/C **D/G - G/C**
But Claire, Claire baby,
Bm/G **Bm** **D** **Cmaj7**
I wish you knew how this all got twisted.

Bm/G **Bm** **D** **Cmaj7**
I wish you could see right inside us.
Bm/G **Bm** **D** **Cmaj7** **D** **G/D**
Some of the stuff, the best of us, that we can't get out.

G **Em** **Bm** **D**
What's the point of this? What's wrong with two birthdays?
G **Em** **Bm** **C**
It's cool. At school, her friends, they all have two birthdays.

Em **C** **Em** **C**
Aw jeez. He just asked the waitress out on a date on her birthday.

D/G - G/C **D/G - G/C**
But Claire, Claire baby,
Bm/G **Bm** **D** **Cmaj7**
I wish you knew how this all got twisted.

Bm/G **Bm** **D** **Cmaj7**
I wish you could see right inside us.
Bm/G **Bm** **D** **Cmaj7** **D** **G/D**
Some of the stuff, the best of us, that we can't get to.

INTERLUDE

D/G - D/Em - D/Bm - D (x2)
Gmaj7 - Gmaj7/Em - Gmaj7 - Gsus4 - G (x2)

G6 **Bm** **G6**
Here's the check. They pay, with two cards like they've never met.
Bm **C**
Goodbyes outside. It's cold in L.A.

D/G - G/C D/G - G/C

Claire, Claire baby,

Bm/G Bm D Cmaj7

I wish you knew how this all got twisted.

Bm/G Bm D Cmaj7

I wish you could see right inside us.

Bm/G Bm D Cmaj7

Some of the stuff, the most of us,

Bm/G Bm D Cmaj7

You re what we were. We re all that s left.

Bm/G Bm D Cmaj7

It used to be our birthday too.