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"Honey, When It All Went Wrong"

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Do you remember how we used to be?
Together arm in arm in harmony
Whenever one would call the melody
The other one would sing along.
We lost the rhythm of the rhapsody
One of us slipped into a minor key
Gloomy as Episcopalian hymnody
Honey, when it all went wrong.

The crinkles at the edges of your eyes;
Your church bell tone when you apologize;
Your honest suffering when something dies;
Showed me which of us was strong
And I don't want to over-analyze
Or burn beneath the glass that magnifies
Up to your level I just couldn't rise
Honey, when it all went wrong.

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Even my skull was getting thin
Honey, when it all went wrong
The mirror asked me, "Where you been?"
Honey, when it all went wrong.

Great God A-mighty, Goody Two-Tone Shoes
I'm cuttin' heads, I'm bound to pay my dues
The Troubadours of Nothing Left to Lose
Is the club where I belong.
Send me no roses, you can send reviews
They're good for stuffin'in my busted shoes
I beat the blizzard by shoutin' the blues
Honey, when it all went wrong.

I had a buddy name o' Bony Fats
We played together round the Delta Flats
Said he wasn't like them other brother cats
Colorblind, that was his song.
Way down in Darktown and they gypped us flat
Ol' Bony must've got his pigment back
My lead in his head, his shiv through my hat.
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Flesh exploded wall to wall
Honey, when it all went wrong
I thought of giving you a call
Honey when it all went wrong

I spent a season on a salmon boat
So weather beaten she could barely float
There wasn't even time to write a note
Let alone a shanty song
We got so bored we took a secret vote
And mutiny came out of every throat
"Nearer My God, To Thee" was all she wrote
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Fox in the pulpit and pig on the throne
Fossils of justice lost in crusts of stone
I'm busy leavin' well enough unknown
And wailin' on a tinfoil gong
And under stars that spell a mystery koan
I dream of you. Okay, not you -- your clone
I done more damage than one man could atone for
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Honey, when it all went wrong
I got a safe-deposit box
Honey, when it all went wrong
And sealed my heart with seven locks
Honey, when it all went wrong.

Now, all the friends I ever had are gone
Ain't dead, they just don't know what planet I'm on
Their stories differ, like Rashomon
Smoked through an atomic bong
The darkest scandal that their lies could spawn
Would only make the real thing yawn
I'se scrubbing my shadow offa the dawn
Honey, when it all went wrong.

It's been suggested that I'm in my prime
I almost feel it 'bout half the time
Buried somewhere under layers of grime
Rusty like a war-time song.
And tho' our love became a pantomime
A sad tableau, a tragic nurs'ry rhyme
It was set to change, I'se givin up my life of crime
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Honey, when it all went wrong
Tho' in this life it's much too late
Honey, when it all went wrong

We'll meet when we reincarnate
God, I hope it won't be long
Honey, when it all went wrong.

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