## **My Career As A Homewrecker**

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Well I had just met the girl and her boyfriend She was ready for leaving him And I was the way, I was the key, I was her way to say, "I'm free"

And he would never talk about it, which made me sad I didn't see what we'd done That was so bad

We were all about twenty-one My career as a homewrecker Had just begun

I was thinkin' about the Boston rock scene one fine day And found it too conservative, you might say I knew her well, I knew him terrific What's wrong if we wanted something specific?

He never talked about it, which hurted me I never saw why such sorrow Had to be

I was now about twenty-four And I was called "homewrecker" Once more

If someone's mad at me, why can't they tell me so? Why do they just avoid me? If someone's mad at me, why can't they tell me so? Meanwhile out on the West Coast, I started wreckin' homes Tryin' to convince girlfriends to leave and roam Now I didn't touch 'em, 'cause I didn't want 'em But I wanted to affect 'em, I wanted to haunt 'em

And this was the following year My career as a homewrecker Was in third gear

Another case of homewreckin' I half-did Was the girl who loved me no matter what she said She tried to hide it as long as she could To save her boyfriend pain But it did no good

You see I have certain trades and certain wants Sometimes I'll try a certain thing to provoke a response Sometimes I'll break a rule just to see who looks Sometimes I'll knock on a door just to see what cooks

My career as a homewrecker is not yet through There's all these homewreckin' things to do Sometimes I'll break a rule just to see who cares Sometimes I'll knock just to see who's there