

## Big Yellow Taxi – Joni Mitchell

### [intro] (D)

They (G)paved paradise... put up a parking (D)lot  
With a (G)pink hotel... a (A)boutique... and a (D)swinging hot spot

### [chorus – quiet single strum for first two lines]

(D)Don't it always (F#m)seem to go  
That you (G)don't know what you've got till it's (D)gone

### [strum normally]

They (G)paved paradise... (A)put up a parking (D)lot  
(D) (*Shoo ba-ba ba-ba... shoo ba-ba ba-ba*)

They (G)took all the trees... put 'em in a tree mu(D)seum  
And then they (G)charged the people... a (A)dollar and a half just to  
(D)see 'em

### [chorus]

(G)Hey farmer, farmer... put away your D.D. (D)T. now  
Give me (G)spots on my apples... but (A)leave me the birds and the  
(D)bees, please

### [chorus]

(G)Late last night... I heard the screen door (D)slam  
And a (G)big yellow taxi... (A)took away my old (D)man

### [chorus]

### [outro – quiet single strum for next two lines]

I said (D)don't it always (F#m)seem to go  
That you (G)don't know what you've got till it's (D)gone [pause]

### [strum normally]

They (G)paved paradise... (A)put up a parking (D)lot  
(D) (*Shoo ba-ba ba-ba... shoo ba-ba ba-ba*)

They (G)paved paradise... (A)put up a parking (D)lot  
(D) (*Shoo ba-ba ba-ba... shoo ba-ba ba-ba*)

[sing high pitched] They (G)paved paradise

[sing low pitched] and (A)put up a parking (D)lot

