

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

