

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 – (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*)

[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 – (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*)

[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 – (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*)

[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