

# Big Yellow Taxi

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<sup>F</sup> they paved paradise <sup>C</sup>  
and put up a parking lot  
<sup>F</sup> with a pink hotel, a <sup>G</sup> boutique  
and a swinging hot spot <sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> don't it always seem to go  
that you <sup>F</sup> don't know what you've <sup>F</sup> got <sup>C</sup> til its gone  
they paved paradise  
and <sup>G</sup> put up a parking lot <sup>C</sup> Ooo La la la la

<sup>F</sup> they took all the trees  
and put 'em in a tree museum <sup>C</sup>  
and they charged the people <sup>F</sup>  
a dollar and a half to seem 'em <sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> don't it always seem to go,  
that you <sup>F</sup> don't know what you've got  
til its <sup>G</sup> gone  
they paved paradise <sup>F</sup>  
and <sup>G</sup> put up a parking lot <sup>C</sup> Ooo La la la la la

<sup>F</sup> hey farmer farmer  
put away the DDT <sup>C</sup> NOW  
~~i don't care about spots on my apples~~ <sup>GIMME</sup> <sup>F</sup>  
leave me the birds and the bees <sup>C</sup>  
please!

<sup>C</sup> don't it always seem to go  
that you <sup>F</sup> don't know what you've got <sup>F</sup>  
til its <sup>G</sup> gone  
they paved paradise <sup>F</sup>  
and <sup>G</sup> put up a parking lot <sup>C</sup> ooo la la la la

<sup>F</sup> listenin' late last night <sup>C</sup>  
i heard the screen door slam <sup>C</sup>  
and a big yellow taxi <sup>F</sup>  
took ~~my girl away~~ <sup>G</sup> AWAY my old MAN <sup>C</sup>  
now, don't it always seem to go  
that you <sup>F</sup> don't know what you've got <sup>C</sup>  
til its <sup>G</sup> gone  
they paved paradise <sup>F</sup>  
and <sup>G</sup> put up a parking lot <sup>C</sup>

hey now, now  
Don't it always seem to go  
that you <sup>F</sup> don't know what you got  
til its <sup>G</sup> gone ← PAUSE →  
they paved paradise <sup>F</sup>  
to <sup>G</sup> put up a parking lot <sup>C</sup>  
AGAIN

<sup>F</sup> They paved paradise ↗  
<sup>G</sup> put up a parking lot ↘