

# Big Yellow Taxi- Joni Mitchell

Intro:

**F** / / / | **F** / / / | **G** / / / | **G** / / /  
**C** / / / | **Csus** / **C** / | **C** / / / | **Csus** / **C** /

**F** **C** / / / | **Csus** / **C** /  
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot  
**F** **G** **C** **C**  
with a pink hotel, a boutique and a swingin' hot spot.

(Half-time feel)

**C** **Cmaj7**  
Don't it always seem to go  
**F** **C (HS)\***  
that you don't know what you've got till it's gone.  
(In 4) **F** **G** **C** / / / | **Csus** / **C** / | **C** / / / | **Csus** / **C** /  
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot. (shoo...ba ba ba ba - 2x)

**F** **C** / / / | **Csus** / **C** /  
They took all the trees, put 'em in a tree museum  
**F** **G** **C** **C**  
and they charged the people a dollar and a half just to see 'em.

(Half-time feel)

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Don't it always seem to go  
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that you don't know what you've got till it's gone.  
(In 4) **F** **G** **C** / / / | **Csus** / **C** / | **C** / / / | **Csus** / **C** /  
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot. (shoo...ba ba ba ba - 2x)

**F** **C** / / / | **Csus** / **C** /  
Hey farmer, farmer, put away that D.D.T. now,  
**F** **G** **C**  
give me spots on my apples but leave me the birds and the bees, please.

(Half-time feel)

**C** **Cmaj7**  
Don't it always seem to go

**F** **C (HS)**  
 that you don't know what you've got till it's gone.  
**(In 4) F G C /// | Csus / C / | C /// | Csus / C /**  
 They paved paradise and put up a parking lot. (shoo...ba ba ba ba - 2x)

**F C /// | Csus / C /**  
 Late last night I heard the screen door slam  
**F G C C**  
 and a big yellow taxi took away my old man

**(Half-time feel)**

**C Cmaj7**  
 Don't it always seem to go  
**F C (HS)**  
 that you don't know what you've got till it's gone.  
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 They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.

**(Half-time feel)**

**C Cmaj7**  
 Don't it always seem to go  
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 that you don't know what you've got till it's gone.  
**(In 4) F G C /// | Csus / C /**  
 They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.  
**F G C /// | Csus / C /**  
 They paved paradise, put up a parking lot  
**F G C /// | Csus /// | C (LR)**  
 I said they paved paradise, put up a parking lot (slight rit.)

**\* HS = Hard Stop**

