Big Yellow Taxi (key of D)
by Joni Mitchell (1970)

Intro:
G --- 'Gsus' --- | G . . G . . | A --- 'F#m' --- | A . . 'F#m' A |

D | G . . . . . . . . . . . . D | D | D | D | D | D | D | D | D | D | D | D | D | D

They paved para-dise, put up a park-ing lot
With a pink ho-tel, a bou-tique and a swingin’— hot— spot—

Chorus:
D\ --- --- --- | --- --- --- --- | --- --- --- D\ ---

Don’t— it al-ways seem to— go that you don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone—


They paved para-dise, put up a parking lot—

(shoo----- bop-bop-bop-bop shoo----- bop-bop-bop-bop)

G . . . . . . . . . . . . D \ D \ D \ D \ D \ D \ D \ D \ D

They took all the trees, put ‘em in a tree mu-seum

G . . . . . . . . . . . . A . . . . . . D . . . . . . . .

and they charged the people a dollar and a half just to see ‘em.

Chorus:
D\ --- --- --- | --- --- --- --- | --- --- --- D\ ---

Don’t— it al-ways seem to— go that you don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone—


They paved para-dise, put up a parking lot—

(shoo----- bop-bop-bop-bop shoo----- bop-bop-bop-bop)

G . . . . . . . . . . . . D \ D \ D \ D \ D \ D \ D \ D \ D

Hey, Farmer Farmer, put a-way that D-D— T now

G . . . . . . . . . . . . A . . . . . . D . . . . . . . .

Give me spots on my apples, but leave me the birds and the bees—— plee-ease

Chorus:
D\ --- --- --- | --- --- --- --- | --- --- --- D\ ---

Don’t— it al-ways seem to— go that you don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone—


They paved para-dise, put up a parking lot—

(shoo----- bop-bop-bop-bop shoo----- bop-bop-bop-bop)
Late last night, I heard the screen door slam
And a big yellow taxi took a-way my old man——

Chorus:
Don’t it al-ways seem to— go that you don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone—
They paved para-dise, put up a park-ing lot—— I said
(shoo—— bop—bop—bop—bop)

End:
Don’t it al-ways seem to— go that you don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone——
They paved para-dise, put up a park-ing lot
(shoo—— bop—bop—bop—bop)

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