They paved paradise, put up a parking lot With a pink motel, boutique and a swinging hot spot

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That you don't know what you've got till it's gone
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They took all the trees, put 'em in a tree museum And they charged all the people A dollar and a half just to see them

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Say, "Hey farmer, farmer put away the DDT And the spots on my apples Leave me the birds and the bees, please"

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Late last night, I heard that screen door slam And the big yellow taxi come and take away my old man

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