Big Yellow Taxi

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They paved paradise And put up a parking lot With a pink hotel, a boutique And a swinging hot SPOT Don't it always seem to go That you don't know what you've got 'Til it's gone They paved paradise And put up a parking lot

They took all the trees And put them in a tree museum Then they charged the people A dollar and a half just to see 'em Don't it always seem to go, That you don't know what you've got 'Til it's gone They paved paradise And put up a parking lot

Hey farmer, farmer Put away that DDT now Give me spots on my apples But LEAVE me the birds and the bees Please! Don't it always seem to go That you don't know what you've got 'Til its gone They paved paradise And put up a parking lot

Late last night I heard the screen door slam And a big yellow taxi Come and took away my old man Don't it always seem to go That you don't know what you've got 'Til it's gone They paved paradise And put up a parking lot

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