

Big Yellow Taxi

Joni Mitchell
Capo on first fret

Verse 1

Cadd9 G
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot
Cadd9 Dsus4 G
With a pink hotel, a boutique and a swinging hot spot

Chorus 1

G D
Don't it always seem to go that you
Am
don't know what you've got till it's gone
C D G
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot

Verse 2

Cadd9 G
They took all the trees and put 'em in a tree museum
Cadd9 Dsus4 G
And they charge the people a dollar and a half to see them

Chorus 2

G D
Don't it always seem to go that you
Am
don't know what you've got till it's gone
C D G
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot

Verse 3

Cadd9 G
Hey farmer, farmer put away your D.D.T.
Cadd9
I don't care about spots on my apples,
Dsus4 G
leave me the birds and the bees, please

Chorus 3

G D
Don't it always seem to go that you
Am
don't know what you've got till it's gone
C D G
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot
C D G
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot. Why not?

Solo

Cadd9 G (rif 1)

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Cadd9 Dsus4 G (harmonics)

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Em7 Dsus2 C

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Verse 4

Cadd9 G
Listen late last night I heard the screen door slam
Cadd9 Dsus4 G
And a big yellow taxi took my girl away

Chorus 4

G D
Don't it always seem to go that you
Am
don't know what you've got till it's gone
C D G
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot

Chorus 5

G D
Don't it always seem to go that you
Am
don't know what you've got till it's gone
C D G
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot, Why not?
C D G
They paved paradise to put up a parking lot
C D G
Paved paradise to put up a parking lot

Outro

Cadd9 G
Cadd9 G
Cadd9 G
Cadd9 Dsus4 G