

# **Big Yellow Taxi**

Joni Mitchell - 1970

They paved paradise and put up a parking lot  
With a pink hotel, a boutique, and a swingin' hot spot

(Chorus)

Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone?  
They paved paradise, put up a parking lot  
(Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop)  
Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop)

(Verse 2)

They took all the trees, put 'em in a tree museum  
And they charged the people a dollar and a half just to see 'em

(Chorus)

Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone?

They paved paradise, put up a parking lot  
(Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop)  
Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop)

(Verse 3)

Hey farmer, farmer, put away the DDT now  
Give me spots on my apples  
But leave me the birds and the bees, please

(Chorus)

Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone?  
They paved paradise, put up a parking lot  
(Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop)  
Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop)

(Verse 4)

Late last night, I heard the screen door slam  
And a big yellow taxi took away my old man

(Chorus)

Don't it always seem to go

That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone?

They paved paradise, put up a parking lot

(Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop)

I said, don't it always seem to go

That you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone?

They paved paradise, put up a parking lot

(Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop)

They paved paradise, put up a parking lot

(Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop)

They paved paradise, put up a parking lot