

# Big Yellow Taxi

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### Intro

G A D

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 'em in a tree museum  
 And they charged all the people a dollar and a half  
 just to see 'em

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Hey farmer, farmer, put away that DDT now  
 Give me spots on my apples but leave me the birds  
 and the bees (please!)

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

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