# Big Yellow Taxi

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[G] / [G] / [A] / [A] /**

**[D] / [D] / [D] / [D]**

They **[G]** paved paradise, and put up a parking **[D]** lot **[D]**

With a **[G]** pink hotel, a **[A]** boutique, and a **[D]** swinging hot **[D]** spot

**[D]** Don’t it always **[A]** seem to go

That you **[G]** don’t know what you’ve got till it’s **[D]** gone

They **[G]** paved paradise **[A]** put up a parking **[D]** lot

**(Sha-[D]ooo… [D] bop, bop, bop, bop)**

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They **[G]** took all the trees, put ‘em in a tree mu-**[D]**seum **[D]**

And they **[G]** charged the people, a **[A]** dollar and a half just to **[D]** see ‘em **[D]**

**[D]** Don’t it always **[A]** seem to go

That you **[G]** don’t know what you’ve got till it’s **[D]** gone

They **[G]** paved paradise **[A]** put up a parking **[D]** lot

**(Sha-[D]ooo… [D] bop, bop, bop, bop)**

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**[G]** Hey farmer, farmer, put away the DD-**[D]**-T now **[D]**

Give me **[G]** spots on my apples, but **[A]** leave me the birds and the **[D]** bees **[D]** please

**[D]** Don’t it always **[A]** seem to go

That you **[G]** don’t know what you’ve got till it’s **[D]** gone

They **[G]** paved paradise **[A]** put up a parking **[D]** lot

**(Sha-[D]ooo… [D] bop, bop, bop, bop)**

**(Sha-[D]ooo… [D] bop, bop, bop, bop)**

**[G]** Late last night, I heard the screen door **[D]** slam **[D]**

And a **[G]** big yellow taxi **[A]** took away my old **[D]** man **[D]**

**[D]** Don’t it always **[A]** seem to go

That you **[G]** don’t know what you’ve got till it’s **[D]** gone

They **[G]** paved paradise **[A]** put up a parking **[D]** lot

**(Sha-[D]ooo… [D] bop, bop, bop, bop)**

I said **[D]** don’t it always **[A]** seem to go

That you **[G]** don’t know what you’ve got till it’s **[D] ↓** gone

They **[G]** paved paradise **[A]** put up a parking **[D]** lot

**(Sha-[D]ooo… [D] bop, bop, bop, bop)**

They **[G]** paved paradise **[A]** put up a parking **[D]** lot

**(Sha-[D]ooo… [D] bop, bop, bop, bop**)

They **[G]** paved paradise **[A]** put up a parking **[D]** lot **[D]↓ [A]↓ [D]↓**

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