

Big Yellow Taxi

(Words and Music by Joni Mitchell, 1970)
4/4 time; Starting Note: C

C* - alternate between **C** and **C^{sus}**
Sgl - single strum

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| **F** | **F** | **G** | **G** | **C C^{sus}** | **C C^{sus}** | **C C^{sus}** | **C C^{sus}** | **I1**

They [**F**] paved paradise and put up a parking lot [**C***], **V1**
With a [**F**] pink hotel, a [**G**] boutique, and a swin - [**C***] gin' hot spot.

[**C^{Sgl}**] Don't it always seem to go **C1**
That you [**F^{Sgl}**] don't know what you got 'til it's [**C^{Sgl}**] gone.
They [**F**] paved paradise, [**G**] put up a parking [**C***] lot.
[**C***] (Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop)

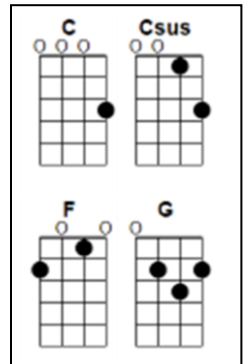
They [**F**] took all the trees, put 'em in a tree mu - [**C***] seum, **V2**
And they [**F**] charged the people a [**G**] dollar and a half just to [**C***] see 'em.

[**C^{Sgl}**] Don't it always seem to go **C2**
That you [**F^{Sgl}**] don't know what you got 'til it's [**C^{Sgl}**] gone.
They [**F**] paved paradise, [**G**] put up a parking [**C***] lot.
[**C***] (Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop)

[**F**] Hey farmer, farmer, put away the DDT [**C***] now. **V3**
Give me [**F**] spots on my apples,
But [**G**] leave me the birds and the [**C***] bees, please.

[**C^{Sgl}**] Don't it always seem to go **C3**
That you [**F^{Sgl}**] don't know what you got 'til it's [**C^{Sgl}**] gone.
They [**F**] paved paradise, [**G**] put up a parking [**C***] lot.
[**C***] (Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop)

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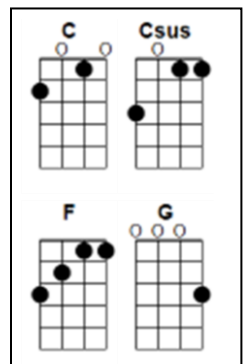


[**F**] Late last night, I heard the screen door [**C***] slam. **V4**
And a [**F**] big yellow taxi [**G**] took away my [**C***] old man.

[**C^{Sgl}**] Don't it always seem to go **C4**
That you [**F^{Sgl}**] don't know what you got 'til it's [**C^{Sgl}**] gone.
They [**F**] paved paradise, [**G**] put up a parking [**C***] lot.
[**C***] (Shoo-bop-bop-bop-bop)



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[**C^{Sgl}**] Don't it always seem to go
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