

Big Yellow Taxi

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Intro: / C - - - / - - - - / D - - - / - -
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/ G - - - / - - - - / - - - - / - - -
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C (2)
They paved paradise
And put up a parking lot **G** (2)
C **D**
With a pink hotel, a boutique
G (2)
And a swinging hot spot

CHORUS:
G **D**
Don't it always seem to go
C (1½)
That you don't know what you've got
G (½)
'Til it's gone
C
They paved paradise
D **G** (4) [last chorus play
(2)]
And put up a parking lot

C (2)
They took all the trees
G (2)
And put them in a tree museum
C
And they charged the people
D **G** (2)
A dollar and a half just to seem 'em

Chorus

C (2)
Hey farmer, farmer
G (2)
Put away that DDT now
C (2)
Give me spots on my apples
D (2) **G** (2)
But leave me the birds and the bees,
Please!

Chorus

C (2)
Late last night
G (2)
I heard the screen door slam
C
And a big yellow taxi
D **G** (2)
Took away my old man

Chorus x2

C
They paved paradise
D **G** (2)
And put up a parking lot
C
They paved paradise
D **G** (2)
And put up a parking lot

Intro Strum Pattern:

C
D X U D X U D X U U U
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

D
D X U D X U D X U U U
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

G Gsus4 G Gsus4 G
D D U D U U U D U U D U
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

G Gsus4 G Gsus4 G
D D U D U U U D U U D U
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

Verse Strum Pattern:

C
D X U D X U D X U U U
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

G Gsus4 G Gsus4 G
D D U D U U U D U U D U
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

C D Dsus4 D
D X U D X U D U D U U D U
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

G Gsus4 G Gsus4 G
D D U D U D U U D U U D U
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

Chorus Strum Pattern:

G D
D U D U D U D U D U D U D U
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

C G
D U D U D U D U U D D
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

C D Dsus4 D
D X U D X U D U D U U D U
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

G Gsus4 G Gsus4 G
D D U D U D U U D U U D U
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

G Gsus4 G Gsus4 G
D D U D U D U U D U U D U
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

Ending Strum Pattern:

G Gsus4 G Gsus4 G
D D U D U D U U D D
1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +