

Big Yellow Taxi - Joni Mitchell

Note: This is really a Counting Crows version due to Joni Mitchell's original tuning, but I think this one does some great justice to such a sincere song.

Tempo: NA

Strumming Pattern: DDD, DU

Capo Fret 1

Intro: Cadd9 - D/F# - G

Cadd9                      D/F#                      G  
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot  
Cadd9                      D/F#                      G  
With a pink hotel, a boutique, and a swingin' hot spot  
(G)  
Don't it always seem to go....  
Cadd9  
That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone  
D/F#                      G  
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot  
  
Cadd9                      D/F#                      G  
They took all the trees, and put 'em in a tree museum  
Cadd9                      D/F#                      G  
And they charged the people a dollar and a half to see them  
(G)  
Don't it always seem to go  
Cadd9  
That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone  
D/F#                      G  
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot  
  
Cadd9 - D/F# - G (x2)

Cadd9                      D/F#                      G  
Hey farmer, farmer, put away your DDT  
Cadd9  
I don't care about spots on my apples  
D/F#                      G  
Leave me the birds and the bees, please  
(G)  
Don't it always seem to go  
Cadd9  
That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone  
D/F#                      G  
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot  
Cadd9                      D/F#                      G  
Hey now, they paved paradise to put up a parking lot  
  
Cadd9 - D/F# - G (x2)

Cadd9                      D/F#                      G  
Listen, late last night, I heard the screen door slam  
Cadd9                      D/F#                      G  
And a big yellow taxi took my girl away  
(G)  
Don't it always seem to go  
Cadd9  
That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone

D/F#                  G  
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot  
      (G)  
Well, don't it always seem to go  
          Cadd9                          Cadd9  
That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone  
      Cadd9                  D/F#          G  
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot