

Big Yellow Taxi - Joni Mitchell (1970) | Key: C (transposed -2 from original)

[Intro]

F F6 F F6
G G6 G G6
C†
C†

[Verse]

F F C†
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot
F G
With a pink hotel, a boutique and a
C†
Swingin hot spot

[Chorus]

C Cmaj7
Don't it always seem to go
Fsus2 C
That you don't know what you've got till it's gone
F F6 G G6 (C†)
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot
C†
(Shoo, bop bop bop bop)
C†
(Shoo, bop bop bop bop)

[Verse 2]

F F C†
They took all the trees, put 'em in a tree museum
F G
And they charged the people a dollar and a half
C†
Just to see 'em

[Chorus]

C Cmaj7
Don't it always seem to go
Fsus2 C
That you don't know what you've got till it's gone
F F6 G G6 (C†)
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot
C†
(Shoo, bop bop bop bop)
C†
(Shoo, bop bop bop bop)

[Verse 3]

F F C†
Hey farmer farmer, put away that D.D.T. now
F G
Give me spots on my apples but leave me
C†
The birds and the bees, please!

[Chorus]

C Cmaj7
Don't it always seem to go
Fsus2 C
That you don't know what you've got till it's gone
F F6 G G6 (C†)
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot
C†
(Shoo, bop bop bop bop)
C†
(Shoo, bop bop bop bop)

[Verse 4]

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

[Outro Chorus]

C Cmaj7
Don't it always seem to go
Fsus2 C
That you don't know what you've got till it's gone
F F6 G G6 (C†)
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot
C†
(Shoo, bop bop bop bop)
C Cmaj7
Don't it always seem to go
Fsus2 *hold this time -> C*
That you don't know what you've got till it's gone

[Coda - Repeat 3x]

F F6 G G6 (C†)
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot
C†
(Shoo, bop bop bop bop)

C† is a repeating C / Csus4 vamp

F6	G6	Csus4	Cmaj7	Fsus2	
---	1-----	3-----	x-----	0-----	1---
---	3-----	5-----	2-----	0-----	1---
---	2-----	4-----	2-----	0-----	0---
---	3-----	5-----	3-----	2-----	3---
---	x-----	x-----	3-----	3-----	x---
---	x-----	x-----	x-----	x-----	x---

F6	G6	Csus4	Cmaj7	Fsus2	
---	3-----	2-----	3-----	2-----	3---
---	1-----	0-----	1-----	0-----	1---
---	2-----	2-----	0-----	0-----	0---
---	2-----	0-----	0-----	0-----	0---