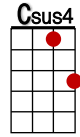
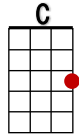
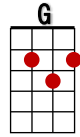
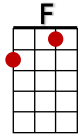
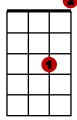


Big Yellow Taxi

Joni Mitchell, 1970

YouTube video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/BoJXzWfY8QI>

1st Notes



INTRO:

[Even strum: DuDu DuDu]

F G C Csus C

| x x x x | x x x x | x x x x | x x x x |

Csus C Csus C

| x x x x | x x x x |

VERSE 1:

F C

They paved paradise - and put up a parking lot

F G C

With a pink hotel, a boutique and a swingin hot spot

CHORUS:

[Single strums]

C G

Don't - it always seem to go

F F - C

That you don't know what you've got till it's gone

[Return to regular strum: DuDu DuDu]

F G C

They paved paradise - and put up a parking lot

Ooh - la la la la - ooh - la la la

VERSE 2:

F C

They took all the trees - put em in a tree museum

F G C

And they charged the people a dollar and a half just to see em

REPEAT CHORUS

VERSE 3:

F C

Hey farmer, farmer, put away that DDT

F G C

Give me spots on my apples but leave me the birds and the bees

Please!

REPEAT CHORUS

VERSE 4:

F C[hang]

Late last night - I heard the screen door slam

F G C

And a big yellow taxi - took away my old man

REPEAT CHORUS without ohh-lalas

OUTRO:

F G C

Yeah, they paved paradise - and put up a parking lot

[Start slowing down]

F G C

I said they paved paradise - and put up a parking lot

[Slower, with an arpeggio (3-2-1-2) or gentle strum]

C G

Don't - it always seem to go

F F - C[hang]

That you don't know what you've got till it's —