They paved paradise, they put up a parking lot A pink hotel, a boutique and a swinging hot spot Don't it always go to show
You never know what you got till it's gone ?
They paved paradise, they put up a parking lot.

They took all the trees, they put them in a tree museum
They charged the people a dollar and a half just to see them
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Hey farmer, farmer, put away that D.D.T Give me spots on my apples but leave me the birds and the bees, please,

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Late last night I heard my screen door slam
A big yellow taxi took away my old man
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