They paved paradise and put up a parking lot With a pink hotel, a boutique, and a swingin' hot spot

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They took all the trees, put 'em in a tree museum

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

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Hey farmer, farmer, put away the DDT now Give me spots on my apples But leave me the birds and the bees, please

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Listen

Late last night, I heard the screen door slam And a big yellow taxi took my girl away

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