

Swift Guitar Lessons

"Big Yellow Taxi" by Joni Mitchell

DADF#AD Tuning | Capo 2 | Key of E |



Intro Chords named by actual pitches – without capo, transpose a whole-step down.

A	B
Strums ↓	↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑
D -5-----5-5-5---5---5---5-5-5---x-	-7-----7-7-7---7---7---7-7-7-7-0-
A -5-----5-5-5---5---5---5-5-5---x-	-7-----7-7-7---7---7---7-7-7-7-0-
F# -5-----6-6-6-x-5---5---6-6-5-x-x-	-7-----8-8-8-x-7-x-7-x-8-8-7-7-0-
D -5---x-5-5-5-x---x---x-5-5-5-x-x-	-7---x-7-7-7-x---x---x-7-7-7-7-0-
A -5---x-7-7-7-x---x---x-7-7-5-x---	-7---x-9-9-9-x---x---x-9-9-7-7---
D -5---x---5---x---x---x---5---x---	-7---x---7---x---x---x---7---7---
1 e & a 2 e & a 3 e & a 4 e & a	1 e & a 2 e & a 3 e & a 4 e & a

E
↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑ ↓ ↑
D -0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0---0-0-0-0-0-0-0-
A -0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0---0-0-0-0-0-0-0-
F# -0-0-1-1-1-1-0-0---0-1-1-1-1-1-1-
D -0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0---0-0-0-0-0-0-0-
A -0-0-2-2-3-2-0-0---0-2-2-3-2-2-2-
D -0---0---0-0-0-----0---0---0---
1 e & a 2 e & a 3 e & a 4 e & a

Verse #1:

A	E <i>riffing</i>
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot	
A	B
With a pink hotel, a boutique and a swingin' hot spot	

Chorus 1:

E*	B*
Don't it always seem to go	
A*	E
That you don't know what you've got till it's gone	
A	B
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot	

Chorus Chords

E*	B*	A*	E	A	B
D -0---0---0---0---5---7-	D -0---0---0---0---5---7-	F# -3---3---1---0---5---7-	D -0---0---0---0---5---7-	A -5---4---2---0---5---7-	D -0---0---0---0---5---7-

Verse #2:

A	E
They took all the trees, put 'em in a tree museum	
A	B
And they charged the people a dollar and a half just to see 'em	

