



Comparing Songs

	Joni Mitchell "Big Yellow Taxi" (1970)	Neil Young "After the Gold Rush" (1970)	James Taylor "Carolina in My Mind" (1968)	Jackson Browne "Before the Deluge" (1974)
<i>What instruments do you hear? What kind of mood do these instruments create?</i>				
<i>How would you describe the style of the vocals? Are they polished? Raw? What words come to mind?</i>				
<i>What is the overall theme of the lyrics you have read?</i>				

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<i>Look at the lines of the song in boldface. What do you think the songwriter means by these lines?</i>				
<i>Does the sound of the song reflect the message of the lyrics? If not, why not? If so, how does it do this?</i>				
<i>Is the song a clear statement about environmental issues? Why or why not?</i>				
<i>Does the song, directly or indirectly, connect with the themes of Silent Spring? If so, cite a specific sentence or paragraph from the book and explain the connection.</i>				