

# Paradise

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D G D  
 When I was a child my family would travel  
 A7 D  
 Down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born  
 G D  
 And there's a backwards old town that's often remembered  
 A7 D  
 So many times that my memories are worn.

**Chorus:** D G D  
 And daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County  
 A7 D  
 Down by the Green River where Paradise lay  
 G D  
 Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking  
 A7 D  
 Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

Well, sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River D G D  
 To the abandoned old prison down by Adrie Hill A7 D  
 Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our pistols G D  
 But empty pop bottles was all we would kill. A7 D

## Chorus

**Instrumental:** [D] [G] [D] [A7] [D] [D] [G] [D] [A7] [D]

Then the coal company came with the world's largest shovel. D G D  
 And they tortured the timber and stripped all the land A7 D  
 Well, they dug for their coal till the land was forsaken G D  
 Then they wrote it all down as the progress of man. A7 D

## Chorus

When I die let my ashes float down the Green River D G D  
 Let my soul roll on up to the Rochester dam A7 D  
 I'll be halfway to Heaven with Paradise waitin G D  
 Just five miles away from wherever I am. A7 D

## Chorus