

Paradise - John Prine (1971)

Capo 2

[Intro]

C F C G7 C F C G7 C G7 C

[Verse 1]

 C F C
When I was a child my family would travel,
 G7 C
down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born
 F C
And there's a backwards old town that's often remembered,
 G7 C
so many times that my memories are worn.

[Chorus]

 C F C
And daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County,
 G7 C
down by the Green River where Paradise lay
 F C
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking,
 G7 C
Mr. Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

[Verse 2]

 C F C
Well, sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River,
 G7 C
to the abandoned old prison down by Adrie Hill
 F C
Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our
pistols,
 G7 C
but empty pop bottles was all we would kill.

[Chorus]

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[Verse 3]

 C F C
Then the coal company came with the world's largest shovel,
 G7 C
and they tortured the timber and stripped all the land
 F C
Well, they dug for their coal till the land was forsaken,
 G7 C
then they wrote it all down as the progress of man.

[Chorus]

[Verse 4]

 C F C
When I die let my ashes float down the Green River,
 G7 C
let my soul roll on up to the Rochester dam
 F C
I'll be halfway to Heaven with Paradise waitin',
 G7 C
just five miles away from wherever I am.

[Chorus]