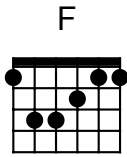


# Paradise

John Prine (1971)



Verse 1:

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

Chorus:

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

Verse 2:

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

Chorus:

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Verse 3:

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

Chorus:

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Verse 4:

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

Chorus:

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