

Intro: C F C G7 C F C G7 C G7 C

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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.

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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

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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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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)

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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 wher-ever I am. (Chorus)

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