Paradise by John Prine(1971)

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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.

D G D Chorus 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 Mr. Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

