# Paradise

John Prine 1971

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 / 1 2 3 / [D] / [D]**

When **[D]** I was a child my **[G]** family would **[D]** travel

Down to **[D]** Western Kentucky where my **[A7]** parents were **[D]** born **[D]**

And there's a **[D]** backwards old town that's **[G]** often re-**[D]**membered

**[D]** So many times that my **[A7]** memories are **[D]** worn **[D]**

**CHORUS:**

**[D]** Daddy won't you take me back to **[G]** Muhlenberg **[D]** County

Down **[D]** by the Green River where **[A7]** Paradise **[D]** lay **[D]**

Well, I'm **[D]** sorry my son, but you're **[G]** too late in **[D]** asking

Mister **[D]** Peabody's coal train has **[A7]** hauled it a-**[D]**way **[D] / [D] / [D]**

Well **[D]** sometimes we'd travel right **[G]** down the Green **[D]** River

To the a-**[D]**bandoned old prison down **[A7]** by Adrie **[D]** Hill **[D]**

Where the **[D]** air smelled like snakes and we'd **[G]** shoot with our **[D]** pistols

But **[D]** empty pop bottles was **[A7]** all we would **[D]** kill **[D]**

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**INSTRUMENTAL CHORUS:**

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Then the **[D]** coal company came with the **[G]** world's largest **[D]** shovel

Well they **[D]** tortured the timber and they **[A7]** stripped all the **[D]** land **[D]**

Well then they **[D]** dug for their coal ‘til the **[G]** land was for-**[D]**saken

And then they **[D]** wrote it all down as the **[A7]** progress of **[D]** man **[D]**

**CHORUS:**

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Mister **[D]** Peabody's coal train has **[A7]** hauled it a-**[D]**way **[D] / [D] / [D]**

When I **[D]** die let my ashes float **[G]** down the Green **[D]** River

Let my **[D]** soul roll on up to the **[A7]** Rochester **[D]** dam **[D]**

I'll be **[D]** halfway to Heaven with **[G]** Paradise **[D]** waitin'

Just **[D]** five miles away from wher-**[A7]**ever I **[D]** am **[D]**

**CHORUS:**

And **[D]** daddy won't you take me back to **[G]** Muhlenberg **[D]** County

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