PARADISE

Written by John Prine

D G D
When I was a child my family would travel
A D
Down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born
G D
And there's a backwards old town that's often remembered
A D
So many times that my memories are worn

D G D
And Daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County
A D
Down by the Green River where Paradise lay
G D
Well I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking
A D
Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

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Well sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River
A D
To the abandoned old prison down by Airdrie Hill
G D
Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our pistols
A D
But empty pop bottles was all we would kill

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

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When I die let my ashes float down the Green River
A D
Let my soul roll on up to the Rochester Dam
G D
I'll be halfway to Heaven with Paradise waiting
A D
Just five miles away from wherever I am

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