

Paradise

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D D G D D D A⁷ D D
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D G D
 When I was a child my family would travel

D A⁷ D D
 Down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born //..

D G D
 And there's a backwards-old town that's often remembered

D A⁷ D
 So many times that my memories are worn.

CHORUS:

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

D A⁷ D D
 Down by the Green River where Paradise lay //..

D G D D
 Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking //..

D A⁷ D D D
 Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away //..

D G D D
 Well, sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River //..

D A⁷ D D
 To the abandoned old prison down by Adrie Hill //..

D G D D
 Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our pistols //..

D A⁷ D
 But empty pop bottles was all we would kill.

CHORUS:

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

CHORUS:

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

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