Paradise

John Prine

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     C                          F              C
1.   When I was a child, my family would travel
                                                G              C
     Down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born
                                                F       C
     There's a backwards old town that's often remembered
                                G              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
                                   G        C
Down by the Green River where Paradise lay
                                     F           C
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking
                                  G           C
Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away
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     C                                    F                C
2.   Well, sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River
                                          G          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
                                 G              C
     But empty pop bottles was all we would kill
Chorus

Instrumental
C  C  F  C
C  C  G  C
C  C  F  C
C  C  G  C  C  C  C
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C F C

3. Then the coal company came with the world's largest shovel

G C

They tortured the timber and stripped all the land

F C

Well, they dug for their coal till the land was forsaken

G C

Then they wrote it all down to the progress of man

Chorus

C F C

4. When I die let my ashes float down the Green River

G C

Let my soul roll on up to the Rochester dam

F C

I'll be halfway to Heaven with Paradise waiting

G C

Just five miles away from wherever I am

Final Chorus

C F C

And Daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County

G C

Down by the Green River where Paradise lay

F C

Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking

G (slower)C

Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away