

# Paradise

## CHORUS

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  
Mr. Peabody's coal train has hauled it a-way.

---

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 backwoods old town there that's often re-remembered,  
A D  
So many times that my memories are worn. CHORUS

D G D  
Well sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River,  
A D  
To the abandoned old prison down by Adrie Hill.  
G D  
Where the air smelled like snakes, we'd shoot with our pistols,  
A 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  
A D  
And they tortured the timber and stripped all the land.  
G D  
Well, they dug for their coal 'til the land was for-saken.  
A 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.  
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 wher-ever I am. CHORUS