

Paradise

John Prine

3/4 time

INTRO: G C G G D G
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When I was a child my family would travel
Down to Western Ken--tucky where my parents were born
And there's a backwards old town that's often re--membered
So many times that my memories are worn.

Chorus: And daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County
Down by the Green River where Paradise lay
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking
Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it a--way

Well, sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River
To the a--bandoned old prison down by Airdrie Hill
Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our pistols
But empty pop bottles was all we would kill.

Chorus with Harmonica Solo (thanks, Justin)

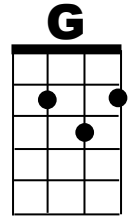
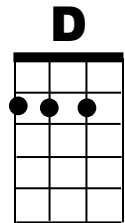
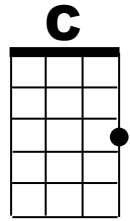
Then the coal company came with the world's largest shovel
And they tortured the timber and stripped all the land
Well, they dug for their coal till the land was for--saken
Then they wrote it all down as the progress of man.

Chorus

When I die let my ashes float down the Green River
Let my soul roll on up to the Rochester dam
I'll be halfway to Heaven with Paradise waitin'
Just five miles aw--ay from wher--ever I am.

Chorus

On last line of last chorus, slow down and fade out



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per request from Doug
Banta so the chords better
align with the lyrics