

PARADISE

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

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

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

(CHORUS)

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

(CHORUS)

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

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