

Paradise

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3/4 time	<p>Intro: [D] [D] [G] [D] [D] [D] [A7] [D] [D] [D] [D] [G] [D] [D] [D] [A7] [D] [D]</p>
Chords	<p>When [D] I was a [D] child my [G] family would [D] travel Down to [D] Western [D] Kentucky where my [A7] parents were [D] born [D] There's a [D] backwards old [D] town that's [G] often [D] remembered And [D] so many [D] times that my [A7] memories are [D] worn.</p>
A7.....0100	<p>And [D] Daddy won't you [D] take me back to [G] Muhlenberg [D] County Down [D] by the Green [D] River where [A7] Paradise [D] lay [D]</p>
D.....2220	<p>Well, I'm [D] sorry my [D] son but you're [G] too late in [D] asking [D] Mr. [D] Peabody's [D] coal train has [A7] hauled it [D] away. [D]</p>
G.....0232	<p>Well [D] sometimes we'd [D] travel right [G] down the Green [D] River To the [D] abandoned old [D] prison down [A7] by Adrie [D] Hill [D] Where the [D] air smelled like [D] snakes and we'd [G] shoot with our [D] pistols But [D] empty pop [D] bottles was [A7] all we would [D] kill.</p> <p>And [D] Daddy won't you [D] take me back to [G] Muhlenberg [D] County Down [D] by the Green [D] River where [A7] Paradise [D] lay [D] Well, I'm [D] sorry my [D] son but you're [G] too late in [D] asking [D] Mr. [D] Peabody's [D] coal train has [A7] hauled it [D] away. [D]</p> <p>Then the [D] coal company [D] came with the [G] world's largest [D] shovel And they [D] tortured the [D] timber and [A7] stripped all the [D] land [D] Well, they [D] dug for their [D] coal till the [G] land was [D] forsaken They [D] wrote it all [D] down as the [A7] progress of [D] man</p> <p>And [D] Daddy won't you [D] take me back to [G] Muhlenberg [D] County Down [D] by the Green [D] River where [A7] Paradise [D] lay [D] Well, I'm [D] sorry my [D] son but you're [G] too late in [D] asking [D] Mr. [D] Peabody's [D] coal train has [A7] hauled it [D] away. [D]</p> <p>When I [D] die let me [D] ashes float [G] down the Green [D] River Let my [D] soul roll on [D] up to the [A7] Rochester [D] dam [D] I'll be [D] halfway to [D] Heaven with [G] Paradise [D] waitin' Just [D] five miles [D] away from [A7] wherever I [D] am</p> <p>And [D] Daddy won't you [D] take me back to [G] Muhlenberg [D] County Down [D] by the Green [D] River where [A7] Paradise [D] lay [D] Well, I'm [D] sorry my [D] son but you're [G] too late in [D] asking [D] Mr. [D] Peabody's [D] coal train has [A7] hauled it [D] away. [D] Mr. [D] Peabody's [D] coal train has [A7] hauled it [D] away. [D]</p> <p>[D] [D] [G] [D] [D] [D] [A7] [D] [D] [D] [D] [G] [D] [D] [D] [A7] [D] [D]!</p> <p><i>A song about the devastating impact of surface mining for coal. The town of Paradise, TN was flattened to expand the Paradise Fossil Coal Plant.</i></p>

