PARADISE - JOHN PRINE

MEDIUM FOLK
KEY: G

INTRO (2X):

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G                      C               G
When I was a child my family would travel

(G)                     D               G
Down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born

(G)                     C               G
And there's a backwards old town that's often re-mem-bered

(G)                     D               G
So many times that my memories are worn

G                      C               G
And daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County

(G)                     D               G
Down by the Green River where Paradise lay

(G)                     C               G
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking

(G)                     D               G
Mr. Peabody's coal train has hauled it a-way
Well, sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River
To the abandoned old prison down by Airdrie Hill
Where the air smelled like snakes we'd shoot with our pistols
But empty pop bottles was all we would kill

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

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

Mr. Peabody's coal train has hauled it a-way
G C G
When I die let my ashes float down the Green River

(G) D G
Let my soul roll on up to the Rochester dam

(G) C G
I'll be halfway to Heaven with Paradise waitin'

(G) D G
Just five miles away from wher-ever I am

G C G
And daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County

(G) D G
Down by the Green River where Paradise lay

(G) C G
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking

(G) D G
Mr. Peabody's coal train has hauled it a-way
RITARD… (END)

****NOTE: There is often an “extra” bar of “G” between lines of the verses, and there are varying amounts of extra bars of “G” at the end of each chorus. BUT, the verse ALWAYS flows directly into the chorus, with no extra bars in-between.