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# Paradise

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INTRO: 1 2 3 / 1 2 3 / [D] / [D]

1. When [G] I was a child my [C] family would [G] travel  
Down to [G] Western Kentucky where my [D7] parents were [G] born [G]  
And there's a [G] backwards old town that's [C] often re-[G]membered  
[G] So many times that my [D7] memories are [G] worn [G]

## CHORUS:

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Down [G] by the Green River where [D7] Paradise [G] lay [G]  
Well, I'm [G] sorry my son, but you're [C] too late in [G] asking  
Mister [G] Peabody's coal train has [D7] hauled it a-[G]way [G]

2. Well [G] sometimes we'd travel right [C] down the Green [G] River [G]  
To the a-[G]bandoned old prison down [D7] by Adrie [G] Hill [G]  
Where the [G] air smelled like snakes and we'd [C] shoot with our [G] pistols  
But [G] empty pop bottles was [D7] all we would [G] kill [G]

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### INSTRUMENTAL CHORUS:

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3. Then the [G] coal company came with the [C] world's largest [G] shovel  
And they [G] tortured the timber and [D7] stripped all the [G] land [G]  
Well, they [G] dug for their coal 'til the [C] land was for-[G]saken  
Then they [G]wrote it all down as the [D7] progress of [G] man [G]

## CHORUS

4. When I [G] die let my ashes float [C] down the Green [G] River  
Let my [G] soul roll on up to the [D7] Rochester [G] dam [G]  
I'll be [G] halfway to Heaven with [C] Paradise [G] waitin'  
Just [G] five miles away from wher-[D7]ever I [G] am

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