

Paradise
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Capo 2nd Fret

Verse 1:

C F C
When I was a child my family would travel
G C
down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born
F C
And there's a backwards old town that's often remembered
G C
so many times that my memories are worn

Chorus:

C F C
And daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County
G C
down by the Green River where Paradise lay
F C
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking
G C
Mr. Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

Verse 2:

C F C
Well, sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River
G C
to the abandoned old prison down by Adrie Hill
F C
Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our pistols
G C
but empty pop bottles was all we would kill

Verse 3:

C F C
Then the coal company came with the world's largest shovel
G C
and they tortured the timber and stripped all the land
F C
Well, they dug for their coal till the land was forsaken
G C
then they wrote it all down as the progress of man

