

**Paradise**  
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Swing Pattern...(BPM=120)

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**Verse 1:**

$C^2$ 
 $F/C^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 When I was a child my family would travel  
 $C^2$ 
 $G^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born  
 $C^2$ 
 $F/C^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 And there's a backwards old town that's often remembered  
 $C^2$ 
 $G^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 so many times that my memories are worn

**Chorus:**

$C^2$ 
 $F/C^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 And daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County  
 $C^2$ 
 $G^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 down by the Green River where Paradise lay  
 $C^2$ 
 $F/C^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking  
 $C^2$ 
 $G^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 Mr. Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

**Verse 2:**

$C^2$ 
 $F/C^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 Well, sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River  
 $C^2$ 
 $G^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 to the abandoned old prison down by Adrie Hill  
 $C^2$ 
 $F/C^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our pistols  
 $C^2$ 
 $G^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 but empty pop bottles was all we would kill

**Verse 3:**

$C^2$ 
 $F/C^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 Then the coal company came with the world's largest shovel  
 $C^2$ 
 $G^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 and they tortured the timber and stripped all the land  
 $C^2$ 
 $F/C^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 Well, they dug for their coal till the land was forsaken  
 $C^2$ 
 $G^1$ 
 $C^1$   
 then they wrote it all down as the progress of man

**Verse 4:**

**C<sup>2</sup>**  
When I die let my ashes float down the Green River  
**C<sup>2</sup>** **F/C<sup>1</sup>** **C<sup>1</sup>**  
**G<sup>1</sup>** **C<sup>1</sup>**  
let my soul roll on up to the Rochester dam  
**C<sup>2</sup>** **F/C<sup>1</sup>** **C<sup>1</sup>**  
I'll be halfway to Heaven with Paradise waitin'  
**C<sup>2</sup>** **G<sup>1</sup>** **C<sup>1</sup>**  
just five miles away from wherever I am