

# Paradise

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When I was a boy my family would travel  
Inta' Western Kentucky where my parents were born  
To a lost little town there that's often remembered  
So many times that my memory drew warn

And daddy won't me take me back to Mulingburg County  
Down by the green river where Paradise lay  
He said, "I'm sorry my son but yer too late in askin'  
Mr. Peabodys' coal trains hauled it away"

Well, sometimes we travel right down the green river  
To the abandoned old prison down by Gadry Hill  
Where the air smelled like snakes, we'd shoot off pistols  
Ahh, but empty pop bottles is all we would kill

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Well, the coal company came with the worlds largest shovel  
They tortured the timber and stripped all of the land  
Lord, they dug for their coal 'til the ground was forsaken  
Then wrote it all down as a the 'Progress Of Man'

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When I die let my ashes float down the green river  
Let my soul roll on up to the Rochester Dam  
I'll be halfway to heaven with Paradise waitin'  
Just 5 miles away from wherever I am

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