

Paradise

The Everly Brothers

When I was a child my family would travel
Down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born
And there's a backward old town that I often remember
So many times that my memories are worn.

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
Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

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

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Then the coal company came with the world's largest
shovel
And they tortured the timber and stripped all our land
Well, they dug for their coal till the land was
forsaken
Then they wrote it all down as 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 five miles away from wherever I am

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