Paradise

John Prine (1971)

C   **F**   **G7**
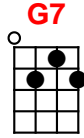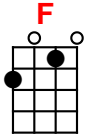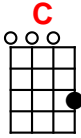
Verse 1:
When **[C]** I was a child my **[F]** family would **[C]** travel,
down to Western Kentucky where my **[G7]**parents were **[C]**born
And there's a backwards old town that's **[F]** often re **[C]** membered,
so many times that my **[G7]** memories are **[C]** worn.

Chorus:
And **[C]** daddy won't you take me back to **[F]** Muhlenberg **[C]** County,
down by the Green River where **[G7]** Paradise **[C]** lay
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're **[F]** too late in **[C]** asking,
Mr. Peabody's coal train has **[G7]** hauled it a **[C]** way

Verse 2:
Well, sometimes we'd travel right **[F]** down the Green **[C]** River,
to the abandoned old prison down by **[G7]** Adrie **[C]** Hill
Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd **[F]** shoot with our **[C]** pistols,
but empty pop bottles was **[G7]** all we would **[C]** kill.

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Verse 3:
Then the **[C]** coal company came with the **[F]** world's largest **[C]** shovel,
and they tortured the timber and **[G7]** stripped all the **[C]** land
Well, they dug for their coal till the **[F]** land was for **[C]** saken,
then they wrote it all down as the **[G7]** progress of **[C]** man.

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Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're **[F]** too late in **[C]** asking,
Mr. Peabody's coal train has **[G7]** hauled it a **[C]** way

Verse 4:
When I **[C]** die let my ashes float **[F]** down the Green **[C]** River,
let my soul roll on up to the **[G7]** Rochester **[C]** dam
I'll be halfway to Heaven with **[F]** Paradise **[C]** waitin',
just five miles away from wher **[G7]** ever I **[C]** am.

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