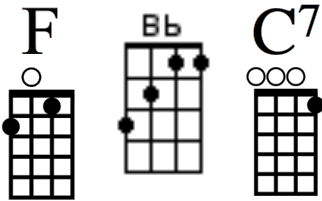


# Paradise - John Prine (1971)



**INTRO:** 1 2 3 / 1 2 3 / [F] / [F] **Strum:** ↓↓↑↓↑

When [F] I was a child my [Bb] family would [F] travel  
Down to [F] Western Kentucky where my [C7] parents were [F] born [F]  
And there's a [F] backwards old town that's [Bb] often re-[F]membered  
[F] So many times that my [C7] memories are [F] worn [F]

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And [F] daddy won't you take me back to [Bb] Muhlenberg [F] County  
Down [F] by the Green River where [C7] Paradise [F] lay [F]  
Well, I'm [F] sorry my son, but you're [Bb] too late in [F] asking  
Mister [F] Peabody's coal train has [C7] hauled it a-[F]way [F]

Well [F] sometimes we'd travel right [Bb] down the Green [F] River [F]  
To the a-[F]bandoned old prison down [C7] by Adrie [F] Hill [F]  
Where the [F] air smelled like snakes and we'd [Bb] shoot with our [F] pistols  
But [F] empty pop bottles was [C7] all we would [F] kill [F]

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Then the [F] coal company came with the [Bb] world's largest [F] shovel  
And they [F] tortured the timber and [C7] stripped all the [F] land [F]  
Well, they [F] dug for their coal 'til the [Bb] land was for-[F]saken  
Then they [F] wrote it all down as the [C7] progress of [F] man [F]

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When I [F] die let my ashes float [Bb] down the Green [F] River  
Let my [F] soul roll on up to the [C7] Rochester [F] dam [F]  
I'll be [F] halfway to Heaven with [Bb] Paradise [F] waitin'  
Just [F] five miles away from wher-[C7]ever I [F] am

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