

# Paradise

John Prine

D	<b>0 2 4 5 4</b>	<b>4 5 4 4 2 0</b>
A		
D		

When I was a child my family would travel

D	<b>0 0 2 4 5 4 2</b>	<b>0 0 1 2 1 0</b>
A		
D		

Down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born

D	<b>0 1 2 2 4 5 4</b>	<b>4 5 4 4 2 0</b>
A		
D		

And there's a backwards old town that's often remembered

D	<b>2 4 5 4</b>	<b>2 0 1 0 0</b>
A		<b>2</b>
D		

So many times that my memories are worn.

## CHORUS

D	<b>0 2~4 4 5 4~4</b>	<b>4 5 4 4 2 0</b>
A		
D		

And daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County

D	<b>0 2 4 5 4 2</b>	<b>0 1 2 1 0</b>
A		
D		

Down by the Green River where Paradise lay

D	<b>0 1 2 4 4~4</b>	<b>4~4 5 4 4 2 0</b>
A		
D		

Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking

D	<b>0 1 2 4 5 4 2</b>	<b>0 1 2 1 0</b>
A		
D		

Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

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D	<b>0 2 4 5 4 2</b>	<b>4 5 4 4 2 0</b>
A		
D		

Well, sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River

D	<b>0 1 2~2 4 5 4 2</b>	<b>0 1 2 1 0</b>
A		
D		

To the abandoned old prison down by Airdrie Hill

D	<b>0 1 2 4 5 4</b>	<b>4 4 5 4 4 2 0</b>
A		
D		

Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our pistols

D	<b>0 2 4 5 4 2</b>	<b>0 1 2 1 0</b>
A		
D		

But empty pop bottles was all we would kill.

### CHORUS

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D	<b>0 1 2 4 5 4</b>	<b>4~4 5 4 4 2 0</b>
A		
D		

Then the coal company came with the world's largest shovel

D	<b>0 1 2 4 5 4 2</b>	<b>0 1 2 1 0</b>
A		
D		

And they tortured the timber and stripped all the land

D	<b>0 1 2 2 4 5 4</b>	<b>4 5 4 4 2 0</b>
A		
D		

Well, they dug for their coal till the land was forsaken

D	<b>2 4 5 4</b>	<b>2 0 1 0 0</b>
A		<b>2</b>
D		

Then they wrote it all down as the progress of man.

### CHORUS

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D	<b>0 2 4 4 5 4 2</b>	<b>4 5 4 4 2 0</b>
A		
D		

When I die let my ashes float down the Green River

D	<b>0 1 2 4 5 4 2</b>	<b>0 1 2 1 0</b>
A		
D		

Let my soul roll on up to the Rochester dam

D	<b>0 1 2 4 5 4 2</b>	<b>4 5 4 4 2 0</b>
A		
D		

I'll be halfway to Heaven with Paradise waitin'

D	<b>1 2 4 5 4</b>	<b>2 0 1 2 1 0</b>
A		
D		

Just five miles away from wherever I am.

### FINAL CHORUS

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