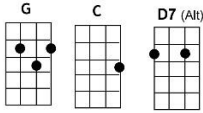


# Paradise ~ written and performed by John Prine



## INTRO: **Shelley** [G] [G] [C] [G]

When [G] I was a child my [C] family would [G] travel  
Down to Western Kentucky where my [D7] parents were [G] born [G]  
And there's a backwards old town that's [C] often re-[G]-membered  
So many times that my [D7] memories are [G] worn

And [G] daddy won't you take me back to [C] Muhlenberg [G] County  
Down by the Green River where [D7] Paradise [G] lay [G]  
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're [C] too late in [G] asking  
Mister Peabody's coal train has [D7] hauled it a-[G]-way [G] [G] [G]

Well [G] sometimes we'd travel right [C] down the Green [G] River  
To the abandoned old prison down by [D7] Adrie [G] Hill [G]  
Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd [C] shoot with our [G] pistols  
But empty pop bottles was [D7] all we would [G] kill

And [G] daddy won't you take me back to [C] Muhlenberg [G] County  
Down by the Green River where [D7] Paradise [G] lay [G]  
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're [C] too late in [G] asking  
Mister Peabody's coal train has [D7] hauled it a-[G]-way [G] [G] [G]

## INSTRUMENTAL – **Bob** (over one verse)

Then the [G] coal company came with the [C] world's largest [G] shovel  
And they tortured the timber and [D7] stripped all the [G] land [G]  
Well, they dug for their coal 'til the [C] land was for-[G]-saken  
Then they wrote it all down as the [D7] progress of [G] man

And [G] daddy won't you take me back to [C] Muhlenberg [G] County  
Down by the Green River where [D7] Paradise [G] lay [G]  
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're [C] too late in [G] asking  
Mister Peabody's coal train has [D7] hauled it a-[G]-way [G] [G] [G]

When I [G] die let my ashes float [C] down the Green [G] River  
Let my soul roll on up to the [D7] Rochester [G] Dam [G]  
I'll be halfway to Heaven with [C] Paradise [G] waitin'  
Just five miles away from wher-[D7]-ever I [G] am

And [G] daddy won't you take me back to [C] Muhlenberg [G] County  
Down by the Green River where [D7] Paradise [G] lay [G]  
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're [C] too late in [G] asking  
(Slower) Mister Peabody's coal train has [D7] hauled it a-[G]-way (G) **(Bob = slide)**