

Paradise - John Prine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLbjvrtp0hQ>

Key of D 3/4 Time

Fingerpicking tip: Instead of strumming the A7 chord, pick the 4-3-2 strings instead!

[D] [D] [G] [D] [D] [D] [A7] [D] START SINGING ON BEAT 3

When **[D]** I was a child my **[G]** family would **[D]** travel,
down to Western Kentucky where my **[A7]** parents were **[D]** born
And there's a backwards old town that's **[G]** often re- **[D]** -membered,
so many times that my **[A7]** memories are **[D]** worn. **[D]**

And **[D]** daddy won't you take me back to **[G]** Muhlenberg **[D]** County,
down by the Green River where **[A7]** Paradise **[D]** lay
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're **[G]** too late in **[D]** asking,
Mr. Peabody's coal train has **[A7]** hauled it a- **[D]** -way **[D]**

Well, **[D]** sometimes we'd travel right **[G]** down the Green **[D]** River,
to the abandoned old prison down by **[A7]** Adrie **[D]** Hill
Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd **[G]** shoot with our **[D]** pistols,
but empty pop bottles was **[A7]** all we would **[D]** kill. **[D]**

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[D] [D] [G] [D] [D] [D] [A7] [D]

Then the **[D]** coal company came with the **[G]** world's largest **[D]** shovel,
and they tortured the timber and **[A7]** stripped all the **[D]** land
Well, they dug for their coal till the **[G]** land was for- **[D]** -saken,
then they wrote it all down as the **[A7]** progress of **[D]** man. **[D]**

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Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're **[G]** too late in **[D]** asking,
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When I [D] die let my ashes float [G] down the Green [D] River,
let my soul roll on up to the [A7] Rochester [D] dam
I'll be halfway to Heaven with [G] Paradise [D] waitin',
just five miles away from wher- [A7] -ever I [D] am. [D]

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down by the Green River where [A7] Paradise [D] lay
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're [G] too late in [D] asking,
Mr. Peabody's coal train has [A7] hauled it a- [D] -way [D-HOLD] 2-3

Outro Instrumental: [D] [D] [G] [D] [D] [D] [A7] [D-HOLD]

GCEA

BARITONE

A7

D

G

A7

D

G

