

Dwight Yoakam "Paradise"

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When I was a boy my family would travel
Inta' Western Kentucky where my parents were born
To a lost little town there that's often remembered
So many times that my memory drew warn

And daddy won't ya take me back to Mulingburg
County
Down by the green river where Paradise lay
He said, I'm sorry my son but you're too late in askin'
Mr. Peabodys' coal trains hauled it away

Well sometimes we travel right down the green river
To the abandoned old prison down by Gadry Hill
Where the air smelled like snakes an' we'd shoot off
pistols
Ah, but empty pop bottles is all we would kill

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Mr. Peabodys' coal train has hauled it away

Well the coal compny' came with the worlds largest
shovel
They tortured the timber and stripped all of the land
Lord they dug for their coal 'til the ground was
forsaken
Then wrote it all down as a, 'The Progress Of Man'

So daddy won't ya take me back to Mulingburg County
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When I die let my ashes float down the green river
Let my soul roll on up to the Rochester Dam
I'll be halfway to heaven with Paradise waitin'
Just 5 miles away from wherever I am

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