John Fogerty "Paradise"

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When I was a child my family would travel Down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born There's a backwards old town that's often remembered So many times that my memories are worn

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

Down by the green river where paradise lay? Well, I'm sorry my son but you're too late in asking Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

Well, sometimes we'd travel right down the green river To the abandoned old prison down by Airdrie Hill Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our pistols

But empty pop bottles was all we would kill

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

And they tortured the timber and stripped all the land Well, they dug for their coal till the land was forsaken Then they wrote it all down as the progress of man

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

Down by the green river where paradise lay? Well, I'm sorry my son but you're too late in asking Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

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 waiting Just five miles away from wherever I am

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