

# Paradise

John Prine (1971)

**INTRO: 1 2 3 / 1 2 3 / [D] / [D]**

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

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Well [D] sometimes we'd travel right [G] down the Green [D] River [D]  
To the a-[D]bandoned old prison down [A7] by Adrie [D] Hill [D]  
Where the [D] air smelled like snakes and we'd [G] shoot with our [D] pistols  
But [D] empty pop bottles was [A7] all we would [D] kill [D]

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

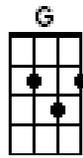
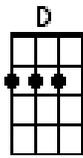
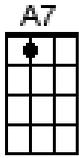
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When I [D] die let my ashes float [G] down the Green [D] River  
Let my [D] soul roll on up to the [A7] Rochester [D] dam [D]  
I'll be [D] halfway to Heaven with [G] Paradise [D] waitin'  
Just [D] five miles away from wher-[A7]ever I [D] am

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