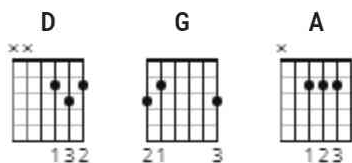


# Paradise Official by John Prine

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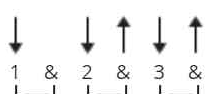
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## CHORDS



## STRUMMING

WHOLE SONG 171 bpm



[Intro]

D G D A

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D

[Verse 1]

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

[Chorus]

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

[Verse 2]

D G D  
Well, sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River  
A D  
To the abandoned old prison down by Airdrie Hill

D G D  
Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our pistols  
A D  
But empty pop bottles was all we would kill.

[Chorus]

D G D  
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A D  
Down by the Green River where Paradise lay  
D G D  
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking  
A D  
Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

[Bridge 1]

D G D A  
D D G D  
A D

[Verse 3]

D G D  
Then the coal company came with the world's largest shovel  
A D  
And they tortured the timber and stripped all the land  
D G D  
Well, they dug for their coal till the land was forsaken  
A D  
Then they wrote it all down as the progress of man.

[Chorus]

D G D  
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A D  
Down by the Green River where Paradise lay  
D G D  
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Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

[Verse 4]

D G D  
When I die let my ashes float down the Green River  
A D  
Let my soul roll on up to the Roches ter dam  
G D  
I'll be halfway to Heaven with Paradise waiting  
A D  
Just five miles away from wherever I am.

[Chorus]

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

**A** **D**  
Down by the Green River where Paradise lay

**D** **G** **D**  
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking

**A** **D**  
Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away