

Paradise (Fingerstyle) - John Prine (3/4 Capo - 2nd Fret)

Intro/Chorus:

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e | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |
B | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |
G | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |
D | - - - - - | - 0h2 - - - - - | - 0h3 - - - - - | - - - - - |
A | - 3 - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - 3 - - - - - |
E | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |
  
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          C                      G7          C
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e | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |
B | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - 1 - |
G | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |
D | - - - - - | - 0h2 - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |
A | - 3 - - - - - | - - - - - | - - 0 - 2 - | - 3 - - - - - | - 3 - - - - - |
E | - - - - - | - - - - - | - 3 - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |
  
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Verses:

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          C                      F          C
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e | - 0 - 3 - - - 3 - | - 3 - 0 - 3 - | - 5 - 5 - 5 - | - 3 - 0 - - - - |
B | - 1 - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - 1 - - - - 1 - |
G | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - 5 - 5 - | - - - - - |
D | - - 2 - 2 - - | - - 2 - 2 - | - 7 - - - - | - - - 2 - 2 - |
A | - 3 - - - - - | - 3 - - - - | - - - - - | - 3 - - - - |
E | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |
  
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          C                      G          C
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e | - 0 - 3 - - - 3 - | - 3 - 0 - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |
B | - 1 - - - - - | - 1 - - - - 1 - | - 3 - 1 - - - 0 - | - 1 - - - - | - - - - - 1 - |
G | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |
D | - - - 2 - 2 - | - - - 2 - 2 - | - - - 0 - 0 - | - - 2 - 2 - | - - - - - |
A | - 3 - - - - - | - 3 - - - - | - - - - - | - 3 - - - - | - 3 - - - - |
E | - - - - - | - - - - - | - 3 - - - - | - - - - - | - - - - - |
  
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Verse 1:

C ' F C
 When I was a child my family would travel,
 C G7 C
 Down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born
 C F C
 And there's a backwards old town that's often remembered,
 C G7 C '
 So many times that my memories are worn.

Chorus:

C F C
 And daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County,
 C G7 C
 Down by the Green River where Paradise lay
 C F C
 Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking,
 C G7 C '
 Mr. Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

Verse 2:

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 we'd shoot with our pistols
 But empty pop bottles was all we would kill

Chorus:

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

Verse 3:

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

Chorus:

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

Verse 4:

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 five miles away from wherever I am

Chorus:

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

"Paradise" is a song written by John Prine for his father, and recorded for his 1971 debut album, John Prine. Prine also re-recorded the song for his 1986 album, German Afternoons.

Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia -

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paradise_\(John_Prine_song\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paradise_(John_Prine_song))

Lesson by Helmet Bickel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ST7z4y4y1J8>

John Prine Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJ84EHLh94Q>