

**Catfish John**  
**Nitty Gritty Dirt Band**

**A**

**D**

**Chorus**    **Mama said, "Don't go near that river,**

**A** **E**

**Don't be hangin' around old Catfish John"**

**A** **D**

**But come the morning, I'd always be there**

**A** **E**

**Walkin' in his footsteps in the sweet delta dawn**

**V1**      **Take me back to another morning**  
**To a time so long ago**  
**When the sweet magnolias blossomed**  
**And the cotton fields were white as snow**

**V2      Catfish John was a river hobo  
He lived and died on the riverbend  
Thinking back, I still remember  
I was proud to be his friend**

## Chorus

**V3      Born a slave in the town of Vicksburg  
Traded for a chestnut mare  
He never spoke a word in anger  
Though his load was hard to bear**

**V4**      Let me dream of another morning  
And a time so long ago  
When the sweet magnolias blossom  
And the cotton fields were white as snow

## Chorus

**Notes** 3/1/80 ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_cfkB\\_\\_YW-Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cfkB__YW-Y))