

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

Key: A  
Tempo: 105  
Vocals: JM

Intro | : A / C C# . . . : |

Chorus      A                                  D  
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                  A  
Walkin' in his footsteps in the sweet delta dawn

V1              A                  D                                  A  
Take me back to another morning  
                    D                                  A  
To a time so long ago  
                                D                                  A  
When the sweet magnolias blossomed  
  E                  A  
Cotton fields were white as snow

V2              Catfish John was a river hobo  
Lived and died by the river bend  
Looking back, I still remember  
I was proud to be his friend  
*Chorus*

Lead              | : D / / / | A / / / : | A / E / | A / / / |

V3              Born a slave in the town of Vicksburg  
Traded for a chestnut mare  
Lord he never spoke 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*

Tag              Walking in his footsteps in the sweet delta dawn

Notes          6/16/82 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANzJdVFabGQ>)