

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

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

**Key: A**  
**Tempo: 105**  
**Vocals: JM**

**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**  
**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***

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