

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** **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

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