

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

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