

Catfish John
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

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

Key: A
Tempo: 105
Vocals: JM

Chorus

A Mama said, "Don't go near that river,
D
A Don't be hangin' around old Catfish John"
E
A But come the morning, I'd always be there
D
A Walkin' in his footsteps in the sweet delta dawn
E

**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>)