

Catfish John
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

Key: A
Tempo: 105
Vocals: JM

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

Chorus Mama said, "Don't go near that river,
Don't be hangin' around old Catfish John"
But come the morning, I'd always be there
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=ANzJdVFdBGQ>)