

## 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*

**Tag**      **Walking in his footsteps in the sweet delta dawn**

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