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)