

Catfish John
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

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
And the cotton fields were white as snow**

V2 **Catfish John was a river hobo
He lived and died on the riverbend
Thinking back, I still remember
I was proud to be his friend**

Chorus

V3 **Born a slave in the town of Vicksburg
Traded for a chestnut mare
He never spoke a word 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>)