

Catfish John

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Chorus:

<u>Mama</u> said, "don't go <u>near</u> that river	D G
<u>Don't</u> be hangin' around old catfish <u>John</u> "	D A
<u>But</u> come the morning I'd always <u>be</u> there	D G
<u>Walking</u> in his footsteps in <u>sweet</u> delta <u>dawn</u> .	D A D

<u>Let</u> me <u>dream</u> of another <u>morning</u>	D G D
And a <u>time</u> so long <u>ago</u>	G D
When the <u>sweet</u> magnolias <u>blossomed</u>	G D
And the cotton fields <u>were</u> white as <u>snow</u> .	A D

<u>Born</u> a <u>slave</u> in the town of <u>Vicksburg</u>	D G D
Traded <u>for</u> a chestnut <u>mare</u>	G D
He never <u>spoke</u> a word in <u>anger</u>	G D
Though his load <u>was</u> hard to <u>bear</u> .	A D

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Verse Break

<u>Catfish</u> <u>John</u> was a river <u>hobo</u>	D G D
He lived and <u>died</u> on the river <u>bend</u>	G D
Thinkin' <u>back</u> I still <u>remember</u>	G D
I was proud <u>to</u> be his <u>friend</u> .	A D

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