

Catfish John - Bob McDill and Allen Reynolds

Chorus:

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

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

(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)