

Catfish John (G)

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G **C**
Mama said don't go near that river
G **D**
Don't be hangin' round old Catfish John
G **C**
Come the mornin' I'd always be there
G **D** **G**
Walkin' in his footsteps in the sweet delta dawn

C **G** **C** **G**
Born a slave in the town of Vicksburg, traded for a chestnut mare
C **G** **D** **G**
Never spoke a word in anger, though his load was hard to bear

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C **G** **C** **G**
Catfish John was a river hobo, livin' back by the river's bend
C **G** **D** **G**
Lookin' back I still remember, I was proud to be his friend

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C **G** **C** **G**
Take me back to another morning, to a time so long ago
C **G** **D** **G**
When the sweet magnolias blossomed, cotton fields were white as snow

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