

Catfish John

Words & Music:
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CHORUS:

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
Take me back to another home.
C G
To a time so long ago,
C G
When the sweet magnolias blossomed.
G D G
Cotton fields were white as snow.

Catfish John was a river hobo
Livin' back by the river's bend.
Lookin' back I still remember
I was proud to be his friend.

CHORUS:

Born a slave in the town of Richmond,
Traded for a chesnut mare.
Though he never spoke in anger.
Oh, his soul was hard to bear.

CHORUS: [2x]