

# CATFISH JOHN

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**Intro:** C G C G C G D G

**Chorus**

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

**Verse 1**

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

**Cuitar Solo** C G C G C G D G

**Verse 2**

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

**Cuitar solos:** C G C G C G D G

**Verse 3**

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

**Tag**

G C  
Come the morning I'd always be there  
G D G  
Walking in his footsteps in sweet delta dawn.

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