

Dick Haymes

"Catfish John"

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CATFISH JOHN

G C

CHORUS: Mama said don't go near that river

G D

Don't be hanging round ole Catfish John

G C

Come the mornin' I'd always be there,

G D G

Walking in his footsteps in the sweet delta dawn

G C G C G

V1: Take me back to another home to a time so long ago

C G D G

When the sweet magnolias blossomed cotton fields as white as snow

V2: Catfish John was a river hobo living down by the river's bend

Thinkin' back I still remember I was proud to be his friend

(CHORUS)

[instrumental]

V 3: Born a slavery down in Richmond traded for a chestnut mare

Still he never spoke in anger though his load was hard to bear

(CHORUS) 2x and tag

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