

## Johnny Russell

### "Catfish John"

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Momma said don't go near that river  
Don't be hangin' 'round old Catfish John  
Come the mornin' I'd always be there  
Walkin' in his footsteps in the sweet delta dawn  
Let me dream of another mor-ornin'  
And a ti-ime so long ago  
When the sweet magnolia blossom  
Cotton fields were white as snow  
Catfish John was a river hobo  
Livin' by the river bed  
Thinkin' back, I still remember  
I was proud to be his friend  
Momma said don't go near that river  
Don't be hangin' 'round old Catfish John  
Come the mornin' I'd always be there  
Walkin' in his footsteps in the sweet delta dawn  
Born a slave in the town of Vicksburg  
Traded for a chestnut mare  
But still he never spo-oke in anger  
Though his load was hard to bear  
Momma said don't go near that river

Don't be hangin' 'round old Catfish John

Come the mornin' I'd always be there

Walkin' in his footsteps in the sweet delta dawn

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Come the mornin' I'd always be there [fade]

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