

## Skip James "Catfish Blues"

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Note: hyphen=word unsung

I would ruther, be a little catfish  
So I could swim way down  
In the sea-ee  
I would have somebody, somebody  
Settin' out hooks for me  
Settin' out a hook for me  
A hook for -

You know I went  
To my baby's house  
She told me to sit down  
On her step  
'Sir, you can come right on in  
Because my  
Husband just now left  
He just now left  
He just now -

An I, asked my baby  
To let me sit down  
'Side her bed  
Turn on yo' heater, baby  
'Till it turn cherry red  
Cherry red  
Red an cherry red

That's the reason I ruther  
Be a little catfish  
So I could swim way down  
In the sea-ee  
I would have netted  
Some of these women  
Settin' out a line for me  
Settin' out their line for me  
A line for -

You know I went  
To the church house  
And they called on  
Me to pray-ay  
I got down on my knees

But I didn't, no  
Have no word to say  
Not a word to say  
No word to say

That's the reason I ruther  
Be a little catfish  
So I could swim  
Way down in the sea-ee  
I would have somebody, somebody  
Settin' out a line for me  
Settin' out a line for me  
A line for -

I don't wanna  
Be no tadpole  
And I don't want ta be  
No bullfrog  
An if I can't be  
Be your catfish  
I won't swim at all  
No, I won't swim at all  
No, swim at -

That's the reason I want ta  
Be a little catfish  
So I could swim way down  
In the sea-ee  
I would have these goodlookin' women  
Settin' out a hook for me  
Settin' out a hook for me  
A hook for. -

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