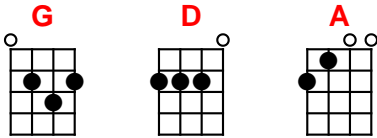


# Catfish John

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[G] [D] [G] [D] [G] [D] [A] [D]

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

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

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[D] Walking in his footsteps in the [A] sweet delta [D] dawn.

[G] [D] [G] [D] [G] [D] [A] [D]

[D] Catfish [G] John was a river [D] hobo  
He lived and [G] died on the river [D] bend  
Lookin' [G] back I still re-[D]member  
I was proud to [A] be his [D] friend.

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

[G] [D] [G] [D] [G] [D] [A] [D]

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

[D] Mama said don't go [G] near that river  
[D] Don't be hangin' around old catfish [A] John  
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