

# Catfish John - Alison Krauss - Cowboy

Key of A

Johnny  
Russell

A D  
Mama said don't go near that river  
A E7  
Don't be hangin' around old catfish John  
A D  
But come the morning I'd always be there  
A E7 A  
Walking in his footsteps in the sweet delta dawn.

D A  
Born a slave in the town of Vicksburg  
D A  
Traded for a chestnut mare  
D A  
He never spoke a word in anger  
E7 A  
Though his load was hard to bear.

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Guitar and fiddle solos

A D A  
Catfish John was a river hobo  
D A  
He lived and died on the river bend  
D A  
Thinkin' back I still remember  
E7 A  
I was proud to be his friend.

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Banjo and mandolin solos

A D A  
Let me dream of another morning  
D A  
And a time so long ago  
D A  
When the sweet magnolias blossomed  
E7 A  
And the cotton fields were white as snow.

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