

The Catfish Song  
Townes Van Zandt

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G C G  
Down at the bottom of that dirty old river  
D C G  
Down where the reeds and the catfish play  
G C G  
There lies a dream as soft as the water  
G C G  
There lies a bluebird that s flown away

G C G  
To meet is like springtime, to love s like the summer  
D C G  
Her brown eyes shone for nobody but me  
G C G  
In autumn forever the fool come a-fallin  
G C G  
And the rain turned to freezing inside of me

G C G  
I ll kindle my fires with the words I can t send you  
D C G  
And the roads I can t follow and the songs I can t sing  
G C G  
I ll wander alone on the sleighbells of winter  
G C G  
With the stars for a diamond and the world for a ring

G C G  
Well all you young ladies who dream of tomorrow  
D C G  
While you re listening these words will I say:  
G C G  
Cling to today with its joy and its sorrow  
G C G  
You ll need all your memories when youth melts away

G C G  
The angel of springtime he rides down the south wind  
D C G  
The angel of summer, he does just the same  
G C G  
The angel of autumn, she s blue and she s golden  
G C G

And the angel of winter won't remember your name

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