

The Catfish Song
Townes Van Zandt

Submitted by Hampus

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

F **Bb** **F**
To meet is like springtime, to love s like the summer

C **Bb** **F**
Her brown eyes shone for nobody but me

F **Bb** **F**
In autumn forever the fool come a-fallin

F **Bb** **F**
And the rain turned to freezing inside of me

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

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

F **Bb** **F**

The angel of springtime he rides down the south wind

C **Bb** **F**

The angel of summer, he does just the same

F **Bb** **F**

The angel of autumn, she s blue and she s golden

F **Bb** **F**

And the angel of winter won t remember your name

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