

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

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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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