

# Don Williams, Catfish Bates

They call me Catfish Bates  
'Cause I can catch a catfish anytime I want to  
Even when the moon man tells me they won't bite  
They call me Catfish Bates  
'Cause I know where that big ole flathead's a hididin'.  
I'm a gonna take him home with me tonight  
I am the king of Looseyhatchie  
My home is on the river  
And them catfish they all know me by my sigh  
I keep my nose on the westwind  
My eye on the water  
And my mind on my business all the time  
Well I get me a plug a days worth of tobacco  
And a can a big ole redworms  
I go down to where the rivers runnin' strong  
I throw my hook out on the water  
I let it float on down the channel  
And I'll have me a big ole flathead for too long  
Oh when they bury me I want to be somewhere on the river  
With a big ole flathead layin' on my stone  
And them catfish will all be prayin  
They'll be flatheads up in heaven  
So my ghost will leave them hatchie cats alone