

Cat's In The Cradle

E G A E
A child arrived the other day, He came to the world in the usual way
G A E
But there were planes to catch and bills to pay, He learned to walk while I was away
D D Bm7 G Bm E
And he was talking 'fore I knew it, and as he grew, He'd say, I'm gonna be like you Dad
G Bm E
You know, I'm gonna be like you

E D
And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon
G A
Little boy blue and the man in the moon
E D
When you coming home dad? "I don't know when,
G Bm7 E
But we'll get together then,
G Bm E
You know we'll have a good time then"

E G A E
My son turned ten the other day, he said, "Thanks for the ball Dad, come on let's play,
G A E
Can you teach me to throw?" I said "Not today, I got a lot to do" He said "That's okay"
D Bm7 G Bm E
He walked away but his smile never dimmed, He said "I'm gonna be like him, yeah,
G Bm E
You know I'm gonna be like him"
(chorus)

E G A E
Well he came from college just the other day, So much like a man I just had to say
G A E
"Son I'm proud of you, can you sit for awhile" He shook his head and he said with a smile
D Bm7 D
"What I'd really like Dad is to borrow the car keys
G E E G Bm7 E
See you later can I have them please?"

E D
And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon
G A
Little boy blue and the man in the moon
E D
When you coming home son? "I don't know when,
G Bm7 E
But we'll have a good time then Dad,
G Bm E
You know we'll have a good time then"

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 I've long since retired my son's moved away, I called him up just the other day
 G A E
 I said "I'd like to see you if you don't mind" He said "I'd love to dad if I could find the time
 D Bm7 G Bm E
 You see my new job's a hassle and the kids have the flu, but it's sure nice talking to you Dad
 G Bm E
 It's been sure nice talking to you"

Bridge

D Bm7 D
 And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me
 G Bm E G Bm7 E
 He'd grown up just like me, my boy was just like me

Second chorus

E D
 And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon
 G A
 Little boy blue and the man in the moon
 E D
 When you coming home son? "I don't know when,
 G Bm7 E
 But we'll have a good time then Dad,
 G Bm E
 You know we'll have a good time then