

# Cat's in the Cradle

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Intro: Chords for last line, first verse

Key of D

My child arrived just the other day, came to the world in the usual way  
There were planes to catch, and bills to pay  
He learned to walk while I was away  
He was talking 'fore I knew it, and when he could, he said  
"I'm gonna be like you, Dad. You know I'm gonna be like you."

## chorus 1:

The cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon  
Little boy blue and a man in the moon, "When you comin' home, Dad?"  
"I don't know when, but we'll get together then."  
"You know we'll have a good time then."

My son turned ten just the other day, he said - "Thanks for the ball, Dad!"  
"Come on, let's play! Can you teach me to throw?", I said - "Not today,"  
"I got a lot to do." He said - "That's okay."  
He walked away with a smile on his face; he said -  
"I'm gonna be like him, yeah; you know I'm gonna be like him." -- **CHORUS 1**

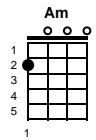
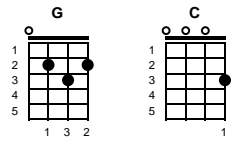
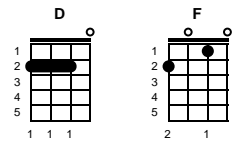
Well, he came home from college just the other day  
So much like a man I just had to say -  
"I'm proud of you. Could you sit for a while?"  
He shook his head and he said with a smile -  
"What I'd really like, Dad, is to borrow the keys."  
"See you later, can I have them please?" "You know I'm gonna be like him"

## chorus 2:

The cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon  
Little boy blue and a man in the moon, "When you comin' home, Son?"  
"I don't know when, but we'll get together then, Dad."  
"You know we'll have a good time then."

I've long since retired, my son's moved away  
I called him up just the other day  
"I'd like to see you if you don't mind."  
He said - "I'd love to, Dad, if I could find the time."  
"You see, my new job's a hassle and the kids have the flu,"  
"But it's sure nice talking to you, Dad. It was sure nice talking to you."  
And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me  
He'd grown up just like me; my boy was just like me -- **CHORUS 2, 2X**

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