

## Cat's in the Cradle (Sandy Chapin / Harry Chapin)

A C  
A child arrived just the other day  
D A  
He came to the world in the usual way  
A C  
But there were planes to catch and bills to pay  
D A  
He learned to walk while I was away  
G

And he was talkin' 'fore I knew it

And as he grew he'd say

C G A  
I'm gonna be like you, dad  
C Cmaj7 A  
You know I'm gonna be like you

### Chorus:

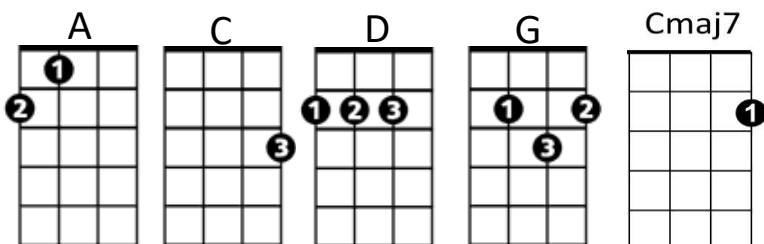
A G  
And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon  
C D  
Little boy blue and the man in the moon  
A G  
When you coming home Dad, I don't know when  
C A  
But we'll get together then  
C A  
You know we'll have a good time then.

A C  
My son turned ten just the other day  
D A  
He said "Thanks for the ball. dad, c'mon let's play  
A C  
Can you teach me to throw, I said "not today;  
D A  
I got a lot to do", he said "that's okay"  
G  
And, he walked away

But his smile never dimmed, he said

C G A  
"I'm gonna be like him, yeah  
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You know I'm gonna be like him"

### (Chorus)

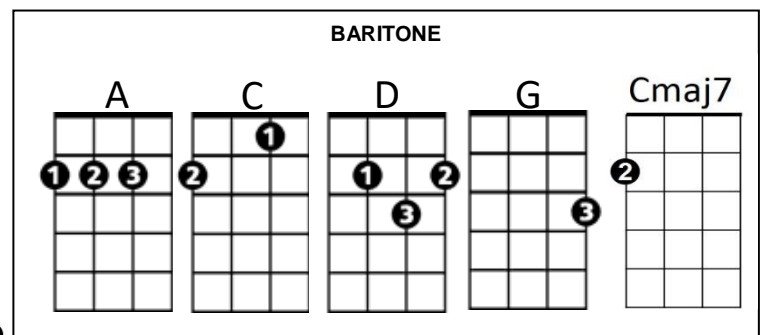


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Well, he came home college just the other day  
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So much like a man, I just had to say  
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"Son I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while?"  
D A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

### (Chorus)

C Cmaj7 G A C G D A  
A C  
I've long since retired, my son's moved away  
D A  
I called him up just the other day  
C  
I said "I'd like to see you if you don't mind"  
D A  
He said "I'd love to dad if I could find the time"  
G  
You see, my new job's a hassle  
And the kids have the flu  
C G A  
But it's sure nice talkin' to you dad  
C Cmaj7 A  
It's been sure nice talkin' to you  
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And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me  
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He'd grown up just like me  
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### (Chorus) (extend last line)



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**Eb**  
 But there were planes to catch and bills to pay  
**F** **C**  
 He learned to walk while I was away  
**Bb**  
 And he was talkin' 'fore I knew it

And as he grew, he'd say  
**Eb** **Bb** **C**  
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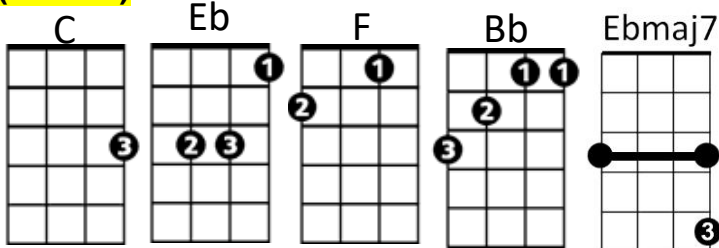
### Chorus:

**C** **Bb**  
 And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon  
**Eb** **F**  
 Little boy blue and the man in the moon  
**C** **Bb**  
 When you coming home Dad, I don't know when  
**Eb** **C**  
 But we'll get together then  
**Eb** **C**  
 You know we'll have a good time then.

**C** **Eb**  
 My son turned ten just the other day  
**F** **C**  
 He said "Thanks for the ball. dad, c'mon let's play  
**C** **Eb**  
 Can you teach me to throw, I said "not today;  
**F** **C**  
 I got a lot to do", he said "that's okay"  
**Bb**  
 And, he walked away

But his smile never dimmed, he said  
**Eb** **Bb** **C**  
 "I'm gonna be like him, yeah  
**Eb** **Ebmaj7** **C**  
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### (Chorus)

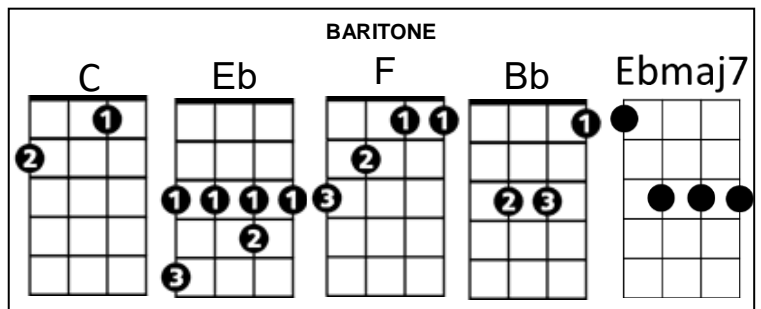


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 So much like a man, I just had to say  
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 "Son I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while?"  
**F** **C**  
 He shook his head and he said with a smile  
**Bb**  
 "What I'd really like Dad is to borrow the car keys.  
**Eb** **Bb** **C**  
 See you later, can I have them please?"

### (Chorus)

**Eb** **Ebmaj7** **Bb** **C** **Eb** **Bb** **F** **C**  
**C** **Eb**  
 I've long since retired, my son's moved away  
**F** **C**  
 I called him up just the other day  
**Eb**  
 I said "I'd like to see you if you don't mind"  
**F** **C**  
 He said "I'd love to dad if I could find the time"  
**Bb**  
 You see, my new job's a hassle  
 And the kids have the flu  
**Eb** **Bb** **C**  
 But it's sure nice talkin' to you dad  
**Eb** **Ebmaj7** **C**  
 It's been sure nice talkin' to you  
**Bb**  
 And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me  
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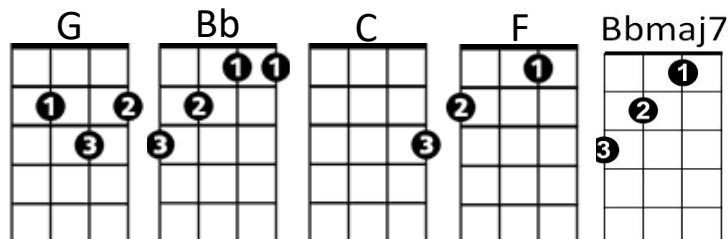
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