

CAT'S IN THE CRADLE

[Verse 1]

E **G**
A child arrived just the other day
A **E**
He came to the world in the usual way
E **G**
But there were planes to catch and bills to pay
A **E**
He learned to walk while I was away
D **D/C#** **D/B** **D/A**
And he was talkin 'fore I knew it and as he grew he'd say
D/G **D/F#** **E**
I'm gonna be like you, dad
G **G/F#** **E**
You know I'm gonna be like you

[Chorus]

E **D**
And the cats 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 **E**
But we'll get together then
G **E**
You know we'll have a good time then.

[Verse 2]

E **G**
My son turned ten just the other day
A **E**
He said thanks for the ball dad, c'mon let's play
E **G**
Can you teach me to throw, I said "not today;
A **E**
I got a lot to do", he said "that's okay"
D **D/C#** **D/B** **D/A**
And he, he walked away but his smile never dimmed, he said
D/G **D/F#** **E**
"I'm gonna be like him, yeah
G **G/F#** **E**
You know I'm gonna be like him"

[Chorus]

E **D**
And the cats in the cradle and the silver spoon
G **A**
Little boy blue and the man in the moon
E **D**
When you comin' home Dad, I don't know when
G **E**
but we'll get together then
G **E**
you know we'll have a good time then.

[Verse 3]

E **G**
Well, he came home college just the other day
A **E**
So much like a man, I just had to say
E **G**
"Son I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while?"
A **E**

He shook his head and he said with a smile

D D/C# D/B D/A

"What I'd really like Dad is to borrow the car keys.

D/G D/F# E

See you later, can I have them please?"

[Chorus] **E D**

And the cats in the cradle and the silver spoon

G A

Little boy blue and the man in the moon

E D

When you comin' home son, I don't know when

G E

We'll get together then Dad

G E

You know we'll have a good time then.

[Interlude] **C D Bm E C D Bm E**

[Bridge]

E G

I've long since retired, my son's moved away

A E

I called him up just the other day

E G

I said "I'd like to see you if you don't mind"

A E

He said "I'd love to dad if I could find the time"

D D/C# D/B D/A

You see, my new job's a hassle and the kid's have the flu

D/G D/F# E

But it's sure nice talkin' to you dad

G G/F# E

It's been sure nice talkin' to you

D D/C# D/B D/A

And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me

D/G D/F# E

He'd grown up just like me

G G/F# E

My boy was just like me

[Chorus] **E D**

And the cats in the cradle and the silver spoon

G A

Little boy blue and the man in the moon

E D

When you comin' home son, I don't know when

G E

We'll get together then Dad

G E

You know we'll have a good time then.