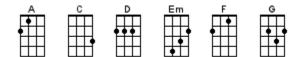
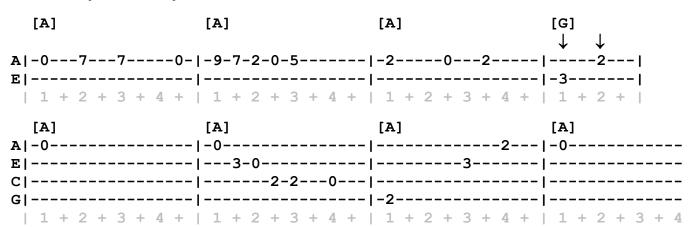
Cat's In The Cradle

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INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /



A [A] child arrived just the [C] other day

He [D] came to the world in the [A] usual way

But there were [A] planes to catch, and [C] bills to pay

[D] He learned to walk while I [A] was away

And he was [G] talkin' 'fore I [D] knew it, and [Em] as he grew [G]

He'd say [C] I'm gonna [Em] be like [A] you, Dad

You [C] know I'm gonna [Em] be like [A] you [A]

CHORUS:

And the [A] cat's in the cradle and the [G] silver spoon

[C] Little boy blue and the [D] man in the moon

[A] When you comin' home, Dad, I [G] don't know when

But [C] we'll get to-[Em]gether then [A]

You [C] know we'll have a [Em] good time [A] then

[A] [A] [A] [A] [B] [C]
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My [A] son turned ten just the [C] other day

He said [D] thanks for the ball, Dad, come [A] on let's play

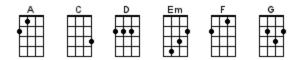
Can you [A] teach me to throw, I said [C] not today

I got a [D] lot to do, he said [A] that's okay

And he - [G] he walked a-[D]way, but his [Em] smile never [G] dimmed

And said [C] I'm gonna [Em] be like [A] him, yeah

You [C] know I'm gonna [Em] be like [A] him [A]



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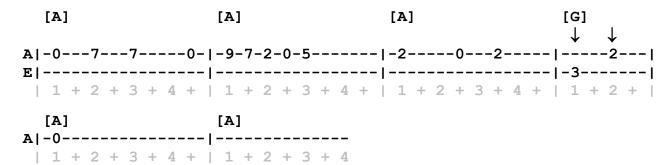
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Well he [A] came from college just the [C] other day
So [D] much like a man, I just [A] had to say
Son, I'm [A] proud of you, can you [C] sit for a while
He [D] shook his head, and he [A] said with a smile
What I'd [G] really like [D] Dad, is to [Em]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

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/[A]/[A]/[A]

I've [A] long since retired, my [C] son's moved away

[D] I called him up just the [A] other day [A]

I said, I'd [A] like to see you, if [C] you don't mind

He said, I'd [D] love to, Dad, if I can [A] find the time [A]

You see my [G] new job's a [D] hassle, and the [Em] kids have the [G] flu

But it's [C] sure nice [Em] talkin' to [A] you, Dad

It's been [C] sure nice [Em] talkin' to [A] you [A] \downarrow

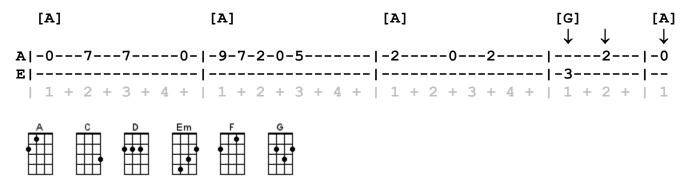
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And as I $[G]\downarrow$ hung up the $[D]\downarrow$ phone, it oc- $[Em]\downarrow$ curred to $[G]\downarrow$ me He'd $[C]\downarrow$ grown up $[Em]\downarrow$ just like $[A]\downarrow$ me My $[C]\downarrow$ boy, was $[Em]\downarrow$ just like [A] me [A]

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