# Cat’s In The Cradle

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /**

**[A] / [A] / [A] / [G]↓ ↓ / [A] / [A] / [A] / [A]**

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] / [G]↓ ↓ / [A] / [A]**

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]**

**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] / [G]↓ ↓ / [A] / [A]**

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]**

**CHORUS:**

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

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

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

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

**[F] / [G][Em] / [A] / [A] /**

**[F] / [G][Em] / [A] / [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]↓**

**< SOFTLY >**

And as I **[G]↓** hung up the **[D]↓** phone, it oc-**[Em]↓**curred to **[G]↓** me

He'd **[C]↓** grown up **[Em]↓** just like **[A]↓** me

My **[C]↓** boy, was **[Em]↓** just like **[A]** me **[A]**

**CHORUS:**

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

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

But **[C]** we'll get to-**[Em]**gether then **[A]** Dad **< SLOW >**

We’re **[C]** gonna have a **[Em]** good time **[A]** then

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