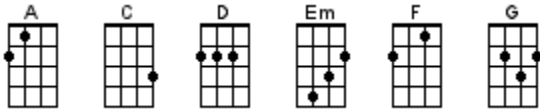


Cat's In The Cradle

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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

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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]**

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

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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]**

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:

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, 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

[A] / [A] / [A] / [G]↓↓ / [A]↓

