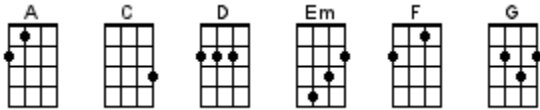


Cat's In The Cradle

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INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /

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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]

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[A] When you comin' home Dad, I [G] don't know when
But [C] we'll get to-[Em]gether then [A]
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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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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]

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]

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