

Cats in the cradle

A **C**
A child arrived just the other day

D **A**
He came to the world in the usual way

A **C**
But there were planes to catch and bills to pay

D **A**
He learned to walk while I was away

G
And he was talkin 'fore I knew it

Bm
and as he grew he'd say

G **A**
I'm gonna be like you, dad

C **A**
You know I'm gonna be like you

****[Chorus]

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

D **A**
He said thanks for the ball dad, c'mon let's play

A **C**
Can you teach me to throw, I said "not today;

D **A**
I got a lot to do", he said "that's okay"

G
And he, he walked away but his

Bm
smile never dimmed, he said

G **A**
"I'm gonna be like him, yeah

C **A**
You know I'm gonna be like him"

****[Chorus]

[3] **A** **C**
Well, he came home college just the other day

D **A**
So much like a man, I just had to say

A **C**
"Son I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while?"

D **A**
He shook his head and he said with a smile

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

G **A**
See you later, can I have them please?"

****[Chorus] *****

A **G**
And the cats in the cradle and the silver spoon

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

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

C **A**
We'll get together then Dad

C **A**
You know we'll have a good time then.

****[End chorus]

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

D **A**
I called him up just the other day

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

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

G
You see, my new job's a hassle and the

Bm
kid's have the flu

G **A**
But it's sure nice talkin' to you dad

C **A**
It's been sure nice talkin' to you

G **Bm**
And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me

G **A**
He'd grown up just like me

C **A**
My boy was just like me -- ***chorus***