

Cat's in the Cradle

Harry Chapin

Capo VIII

A C
Well 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 G/F# Em Em/D
And he was talkin 'for I knew it and as he grew he said
C G/B A
"I'm gonna be like you dad
C G/B A
you know I gonna be like you"

A G
The cats in the cradle and the silver spoon
C D
Little boy blue and the man in the moon
A G
"When you coming home dad?" "I don't know when
C G/B A
But we'll get together then
C G/B A
You know we'll have a good time then"

A C
My son turned ten just the other day
D A
He said "Thank for the ball dad, c'mon lets play
A C
Could you teach me to throw?" I said "not today
D A
I got a lot do" he said "thats okay"
G G/F# Em Em/D
And he walked away with a smile and as he did he said
C G/B A
"I'm gonna be like him, yeah
C G/B A
You know I'm gonna be like him"

A G
The cats in the cradle and the silver spoon
C D
Little boy blue and the man in the moon

A G
"When you coming home dad?" "I don't know when
C G/B A
But we'll get together then
C G/B A
You know we'll have a good time then"

A C
Well he came from 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 G/F# Em Em/D
"What I'd really like dad is to borrow the car keys
C G/B A
See you later can I have them please?"

A G
The cats in the cradle and the silver spoon
C D
Little boy blue and the man in the moon
A G
"When you coming home son?" "I don't know when
C G/B A
But we'll get together then
C G/B A
You know we'll have a good time then"

||: F G Em | A :||

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 can find the time
G G/F# Em Em/D
My new jobs a hassle and the kids have the flu
C G/B A
But its sure nice talkin' to you dad
C G/B A
It's been sure nice talkin' to you"
G G/F# Em Em/D
And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me

C G/B A
He'd grown up just like me

C G/B A
My boy was just like me

A G
The cats in the cradle and the silver spoon

C D
Little boy blue and the man in the moon

A G
"When you coming home son?" "I don't know when

C G/B A
But we'll get together then, Dad

C G/B A
We're gonna have a good time then"