

# CAT'S IN THE CRADLE<sup>4</sup>

Capo 7

My (E)child arrived just the (G)other day  
He (A)came to the world in the (E)usual way  
But there were planes to catch and (G)bills to pay  
(A)He learned to walk while I (E)was away  
And he was (D)talkin' 'fore I (D/Db)knew it, and (D/B)as he grew (D/A)  
He'd say "(G)I'm gonna (D/F#)be like (E)you dad.  
You (G)know I'm gonna (D/F#)be like (E)you"

CHORUS1:

And the (E)cat's in the cradle and the (D)silver spoon  
(G)Little boy blue and the (A)man on the moon  
(E)When you comin' home dad? I (D)don't know when  
But (G)we'll get (D/F#)together (E)then son.  
You (G)know we'll have a (D/F#)good time (E)then

My (E)son turned ten just the (G)other day  
He said, (A)"Thanks for the ball, Dad, come (E)on let's play  
Can you teach me to throw", I said (G)"Not today  
I got a (A)lot to do", he said, (E)"That's ok"  
And he (D)walked (D/Db)away but his (D/B)smile never (D/A)dimmed  
And said, (G)"I'm gonna (D/F#)be like (E)him, yeah.  
You (G)know I'm gonna (D/F#)be like (E)him"

CHORUS1:

Well, he (E)came home from college just the (G)other day  
So (A)much like a man I just (E)had to say  
"Son, I'm proud of you, can you (G)sit for a while?"  
He (A)shook his head and (E)said with a smile  
"What I'd (D)really like, (D/Db)Dad, is to (D/B)borrow the (D/A)car keys  
(G)See you (D/F#)later, can I (E)have them please?"

CHORUS1:

I've (E)long since retired, my (G)son's moved away  
(A)I called him up just the (E)other day  
I said, "I'd like to see you if (G)you don't mind"  
He said, "I'd (A)love to, Dad, if I can (E)find the time  
You see my (D)new job's a (D/Db)hassle and the (D/B)kids have the (D/A)flu  
But it's (G)sure nice (D/F#)talking to (E)you, Dad.  
It's been (G)sure nice (D/F#)talking to (E)you"  
And as I (D)hung up the (D/Db)phone it (D/B)occurred to (D/A)me  
He'd (G)grown up (D/F#)just like (E)me. My (G)boy was (D/F#)just like (E)me

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