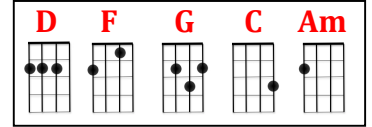


CATS IN THE CRADLE (Harry Chapin) rec. 1973 rel. 1974

My child ar-rived just the other day, He came to the world in the usual way
 But there were planes to catch and bills to pay,
 He learned to walk while I was away
 And he was talking 'for I knew it, and as he grew
 He said "I'm gonna be like you, dad, you know I'm gonna be like you"



CHORUS

And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon,
 Little boy blue and the man in the moon
 "When you commin' home dad?" "I don't know when,
 But we'll get to-gether then, You know we'll have a good time then"

My son turned ten just the other day
 He said "Thanks for the ball dad, come on let's play
 Can you teach me to throw" I said "Not to-day I got a lot to do" He said "Thats O-K"
 He walked a-way but his smile never dimmed,
 It said I'm gonna be like him, yeah, You know I'm gonna be like him

CHORUS

Well he came from college just the other day So much like a man I just had to say
 "Son I'm proud of you can you sit for a while?"
 He shook his head and he said with a smile,
 "What I'd really like dad is to borrow the car keys
 See you later can I have them please?"

CHORUS (extra two beats after next "other day" & "don't mind")

I've long since re-tired, my son's moved a-way I called him up just the other day
 I said "I'd like to see you if you don't mind"
 He said "I'd love to dad if I could find the time,
 You see the my new job's a hassle and the kids have the flu
 But it's sure nice talkin' to you dad It's sure nice talkin' to you"

And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me,
 He'd grown up just like me. My boy was just like me

CHORUS