

Cats In The Cradle

Tab Chords And Lyrics

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Capo on 8th fret

Intro - A

A C D A
My child arrived just the other day - He came to the world in the usual way

C
But there were planes to catch - and bills to pay

D A
He learned to walk while I was away

G Gb Em
And he was talkin' 'fore I knew it, and as he grew- He'd say

C G6 A C G6 A
"I'm gonna be like you, Dad - You know I'm gonna be like you"

G
And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon

C D
Little boy blue and the man on the moon

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

C G6 A C G6 A
But we'll get together then - You know we'll have a good time then

Intro

A C D
My son turned ten just the other day - He said, "Thanks for the ball, Dad

A
come on let's play

C D
Can you teach me to throw", I said "Not today - I got a lot to do", he said,

A
"That's ok

G Gb Em
And he walked away but his smile never dimmed - And said,

C G6 A C G6 A
"I'm gonna be like him, yeah - You know I'm gonna be like him"

Ch

Intro A

Well, he came from college just the other day - So much like a man I just
A
had to say

"Son, I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while"

He shook his head and said with a smile

"What I'd really like, Dad, is to borrow the car keys - See you later can I
A
have them please"

Ch

Oh oh oh oh Oh oh oh oh
C G A C D G A

I've long since retired, my son's moved away
D A

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
A

If I can find the time

You see my new job's a hassle and kids have the flu
G Gb Em

But it's sure nice talking to you, Dad -- It's been sure nice talking to you"
C G6 A C G6 A

And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me
G Gb Em

He'd grown up just like me - My boy was just like me
C G6 A C G6 A

Ch

Intro