

**Cat's in the Cradle – Cat Stevens**

**A C D A**

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

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

**A C**  
But with 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, and as he grew, he said

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

**C G A**  
you know I gonna be like you

**Chorus**

**A G**  
The cat's 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 A**  
But we'll get together then

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

**A C**  
My son turned ten just the other day

**D A**  
He said thanks 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 to do. He said that's okay

**G**  
As he walked away his smile never dimmed. It said

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

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

**Chorus**

Well he came home 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**

I've long since retired my son's moved away  
 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 can find the time. you see  
 My new jobs a hassle and my kid's got the flu  
 But its sure nice talkin' to you dad  
 Its been 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 and Outro**

The cats in the cradle and the silver spoon  
Little boy blue and the man in the moon  
 When you coming home son, I don't know when  
 But we'll get together then  
 You know we'll have a good time then