

Cat's In The Cradle

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Intro: D(6) C(1) D(4)

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

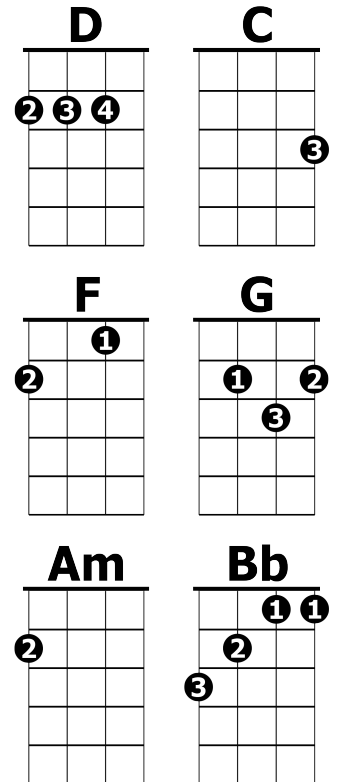
(Chorus)

And the (D) cat's in the cradle and the (C) silver spoon
(F) Little boy blue and the (G) man in the moon
(D) "When you coming home, dad?"
"I (C) don't know when"
But (F) we'll get toge-(Am)-ther (D) then
You (F) know we'll have a (Am) good time (D) then

My (D) son turned ten just the (F) other day
He (G) said, thanks for the ball, dad, come (D) on let's play
Can you (D) teach me to throw, I said, (F) not today
I got a (G) lot to do, he said, (D) that's okay
And he (C) walked away, but his (Am) smile never dimmed
It said, (F) I'm gonna (Am) be like (D) him, yeah
You (F) know I'm gonna (Am) be like (D) him...**Repeat Chorus**

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

Solo: Bb(2) C(1) Am(1) D(4) (2x)



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I've (D) long since retired and my (F) son's moved away
I (G) called him up just the (D) other day
I said, I'd (D) like to see you if (F) you don't mind
He said, I'd (G) love to, dad, if I could (D) find the time
You see, my (C) new job's a hassle, and the (Am) kids have
the flu

But it's (F) sure nice (Am) talking to (D) you, dad
It's been (F) sure nice (Am) talking to (D) you
And as I (C) hung up the phone, it oc-(Am)-curred to me
He'd (F) grown up (Am) just like (D) me
My (F) boy was (Am) just like (D) me

(Chorus)

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Outro: D(6) C(1) D(4) D(6) C(1) D(1)

