

# “Cat's In The Cradle” by Harry Chapin c1

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## [VERSE 1]

My child arrived just the other day  
He came to the world in the usual way  
But there are planes to catch and bills to pay  
He learned to walk while I was away  
And he was talking 'fore I knew it... And as he grew he'd say  
I'm gonna be like you dad... You know I'm gonna be like you

## Chorus 1:

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

## [VERSE 2]

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 today  
I got a lot to do... He said that's okay  
And as he walked away but his smile never dimmed, it said  
I'm gonna be like him yeah... You know I'm gonna be like him

## Chorus 2:

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

[VERSE 3]

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 then 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 3:

And the cats in the cradle and the silver spoon  
Little boy blue and the man on 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

[VERSE 4]

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 the kids have the flu  
But it's sure nice talkin' to you dad  
It's 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 4:

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Little boy blue and the man on the moon  
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But we'll get together then dad You know we'll have a good time then