

## Cats In The Cradle - Cat Stevens

E G  
A child arrived just the other day  
A E  
Came to the world in the usual way  
E G  
There were planes to catch, bills to pay  
A E  
He learned to walk while I was away  
D  
He was talking 'fore I knew it and when he could, he said  
G E  
"I'm gonna be like you, dad,  
G E  
You know I'm gonna be like you"

E G  
The cats in the cradle and the silver spoon  
D A  
Little boy blue and a man on the moon  
E G  
When you comin' home son, I don't know when  
D E  
We'll get together then,  
G E  
You know we'll have a good time then

E G  
My son turned ten just the other day  
A E  
He said "Thanks for the ball dad, come on, let's play  
E G  
Could you teach me to throw?", I said "Not today  
A E  
I got a lot to do", he said "That's OK"  
D G  
He walked away with a smile on his face, he said  
E  
"I'm gonna be like him, yeah,  
G E  
you know I'm gonna be like him"

E G  
The cats in the cradle and the silver spoon  
D A  
Little boy blue and a man on the moon  
E G  
When you comin' home son, I don't know when  
D E  
We'll get together then,

G E  
You know we'll have a good time then

E G  
Well he came from college just the other day  
A E  
So much like a man I just have to say  
E G  
I'm proud of you, could you sit for a while  
A E  
He shook his head and he said with a smile  
D  
What I'm feeling like, dad, is to borrow the car keys  
G E  
see you later, can I have them please

E G  
The cats in the cradle and the silver spoon  
D A  
Little boy blue and a man on the moon  
E G  
When you comin' home son, I don't know when  
D E  
We'll get together then,  
G E  
You know we'll have a good time then

E G  
I've long since retired, my son moved away  
A E  
I called him up just the other day  
E G  
I'd like to see you, if you don't mind  
A E  
He said: I'd love to, dad, if I could find the time.  
D  
You see, my new job's hassle and the kids got the flu,  
G E  
but it's sure nice talking to you dad,  
G E  
it was sure nice talking to you.

D  
And as I hung up the phone is occurred to me  
G E  
He'd grown up just like me  
G E  
My boy was just like me!