

Cat's in the Cradle

Harry Chapin, 1974

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4/4 time	Intro: [D] [F] [D] [D]
Chords	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
Am.....2000	And he was [C]// talkin' 'fore I [G]// knew it And [Am] as he grew he'd say
Bb.....3211	[F]// I'm gonna [Am]// be like [D] you, Dad You [F]// know I'm gonna [Am]// be like [D] you [D]
C.....0003	And the [D] cat's in the cradle and the [C] silver spoon
D.....2220	[F] Little boy blue and the [G] man on the moon [D] When you comin' home, Dad
F.....2010	I [C] don't know when, but [F]// we'll get [Am]// together [D] then You [F]// know we'll have a [Am]// good time [D] then [D]
G.....0232	My [D] son turned ten just the [F] other day He said [G] 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 ok And he [C]// walked [G]// away but his [Am] smile never dimmed And said [F]// I'm song [Am]// be like [D] him, yeah You [F]// know I'm gonna [Am]// be like [D] him [D]
	And the [D] cat's in the cradle and the [C] silver spoon [F] Little boy blue and the [G] man on the moon [D] When you comin' home, Dad I [C] don't know when, but [F]// we'll get [Am]// together [D] then You [F]// know we'll have a [Am]// good time [D] then [D]
	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 [D] said with a smile What I'd [C]// really like, [G]// Dad, is to [Am]// borrow the car keys [F] See you later, can I [D] have them please [D]
	And the [D] cat's in the cradle and the [C] silver spoon [F] Little boy blue and the [G] man on the moon [D] When you comin' home, Son I [C] don't know when, but [F]// we'll get [Am]// together [D] then, Dad You [F]// know we'll have a [Am]// good time [D] then [D]

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4/4 time	[Bb] [C] [Am] [D] [Bb] [C] [Am] [D] [D]
Chords	I've [D] long since retired, my [F] son's moved away I [G] called him up just the [D] other day
Am.....2000	I said I [D] like to see you if [F] you don't mind He said I'd [G] love to Dad if I can [D] find the time
Bb.....3211	You see my [C]// new job's a [G]// hassle and the [Am] kids have the flu But it's [F]// sure nice [Am]// talking to [D] you Dad
C.....0003	It's been [F]// sure nice [Am]// talking to [D] you [D]
D.....2220	And as I [C]// hung up the [G]// phone it [Am] occurred to me He's [F]// grown up [Am]// just like [D] me
F.....2010	My [F]// boy was [Am]// just like [D] me [D]
G.....0232	And the [D] cat's in the cradle and the [C] silver spoon [F] Little boy blue and the [G] man on the moon [D] When you comin' home, Son I [C] don't know when, but [F]// we'll get [Am]// together [D] then, Dad You [F]// know we'll have a [Am]// good time [D] then [D]
	[Bb] [C] [Am] [D] [D]!
	<i>Harry Chapin's only #1 song and is his best known work. Inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2011.</i>