

# Cat's in the Cradle – Harry Chapin

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

## Chorus

A G C D  
 And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon, little boy blue and the man in the moon.  
 A G  
 "When you comin' home, dad" .. "I don't know when ....."  
 C Em A C Em A  
 But we'll get together then, son .. You know we'll have a good time then"

A C D A  
 My son turned ten just the other day, He said "Thanks for the ball Dad, come on let's play  
 A C D A  
 Can you teach me to throw?" .. I said, "not today, I got a lot to do" .. he said "that's OK"  
 G Em  
 And he walked away .. but his smile never dimmed  
 C Em A C Em A  
 And said, "I'm gonna be like him yeah, You know I'm gonna be like him"

## Chorus

A C D A  
 Well he came from college just the other day, so much like a man I just had to say:  
 A C D A  
 "Son I'm proud of you can you sit for a while?", he shook his head and he said with a smile  
 G Em C Em A  
 "What I'd really like Dad is to borrow the car keys, See you later, can I have them please?"

## Chorus ... followed by a slower verse and chorus ....

A C D A  
 I've long since retired my son's moved away, I called him up just the other day  
 A C D A  
 I said, "I'd like to see you if you don't mind", He said, "I'd love to Dad if I could find the time  
 G Em  
 .. You see my new job's a hassle and the kids have the flu,  
 C Em A C Em A  
 But it's sure nice talking to you Dad, It's been sure nice talking to you"  
 G Em  
 And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me  
 C Em A C Em A  
 He'd grown up just like me ... my boy was just like me

## Chorus: reversing "son" and "dad"

## Chords

