

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

