

Cat's in the Cradle

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| D | 1 1 5 5 | 3~3 4 3 5 | 3 4 3~3 4 | 3 4 5 1 1 |
| A | | | | |
| D | | | | |

My child arrived just the other day He came to the world in the usual way

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| D | 1 2 1 1 5 5 | 3 4 3 5 | 4~4 3 4 | 3 4 5 1~1 |
| A | | | | |
| D | | | | |

But there were planes to catch, and bills to pay He learned to walk while I was away

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| D | 3~3 2 3~3 | 2 3 3 3 | 2 3 | |
| A | | | | 3 3 |
| D | | | | |

And he was talking 'fore I knew it, and as he grew

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| D | 1 3~3 3 2 3 | | 1 3~3~3 2 3 |
| A | 3 3 | 3 | 3 3 |
| D | | | |

He'd say, "I'm gonna be like you, dad, you know I'm gonna be like you"

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| D | 3 3~3 2~2 3 3 2 3 3 | 2~2 1 2 1~1 3 |
| A | 3 3 | 3 3~3 |
| D | | |

And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon Little boy blue and the man in the moon

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| D | 3 2~2 2 3 2 | 2 3 | 1 3 3~3 2 3 |
| A | 3 3 | | 3 |
| D | | | |

When you coming home dad, I don't know when But we'll get together then

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| D | 1 3 3 2 3 2 3 |
| A | 3 |
| D | |

You know we'll have a good time then

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| D | 1 1 5 5 | 3~3 4 3 5 | 3~3 4 3 4 4 3 |
| A | | | |
| D | | | |

My son turned ten just the other day He said "Thanks for the ball dad,

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| D | 4 5 1 1 | 1 1 1 5 5 5 |
| A | | |
| D | | |

Come on let's play, can you teach me to throw?"

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| D | 3 3 4 3 5 | 4 4 4~4 3 5 | 4 4 5 1 1 |
| A | | | |
| D | | | |

I said "Not today, I got a lot to do", He said "That's okay"

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| D | 3~3 3 2 3~3 | 2 3 3 |
| A | 3 3 3. 3 3 | |
| D | | |

And he, he walked away but his smile never dimmed and said

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| D | 1 3~3 3 2 3 | 1 3~3~3 2 3 |
| A | 3 | 3 3 |
| D | | |

"I'm gonna be like him, yeah, you know I'm gonna be like him"

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| A | 3 3 | 3 3~3 |
| D | | |

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| D | 3 3 2~2 3 2 | 3 3 |
| A | 3 3 | |
| D | | |

When you coming home dad, I don't know when

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| D | 1 3 3~3 2 3 | 1 3 3~3 2 3 |
| A | 3 | 3 3 |
| D | | |

But we'll get together then

You know we'll have a good time then

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| D | 1 1 5 5 4 4 | 3 4 5 1 1 | 4 4 3 4 4 | 3 4 5 1 1 |
| A | | | | |
| D | | | | |

Well he came from college just the other day

So much like a man, I just had to say

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| D | 1 1~1 5 5 | 3~3 4 3 4 5 | 4~4 3 4 | 3 4 5 1 1 1 |
| A | | | | |
| D | | | | |

"Son I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while?" He shook his head, and he said with a smile

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| D | 3 2 3~3 2 3 | 2~2 3 3 2 3 4 | 3 2 3~3 | 3 2 3 |
| A | | | | 3 3 |
| D | | | | |

"What I'd really like dad, is to borrow the car keys"

"See you later, can I have them please?"

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| D | 3 3~3 2~2 3 3 2 3 3 | 2~2 1 2 1~1 3 |
| A | 3 3 | 3 3~3 |
| D | | |

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| D | 3 2~2 2 3 2 | 2 3 |
| A | | 3 3 |
| D | | |

When you coming home, son,

I don't know when

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| D | 1 3 3~3 2 3 | 1 3 3~3 2 3 |
| A | 3 | 3~3 |
| D | | |

But we'll get together then, dad

You know we'll have a good time then

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| D | 2 1 5 5~5 | 3~3 4 3 5 | 4~4 3 4 | 3 4 5 1 1 |
| A | | | | |
| D | | | | |

I've long since retired, my son's moved away I called him up just the other day

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| D | 2~2 2 1 5~5 5 | 3 4 3 5 | | |
| A | | | | |
| D | | | | |

I said, "I'd like to see you if you don't mind"

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| D | 4~4 3 4 3 4 | 3 4 5~5 1 1 | | |
| A | | | | |
| D | | | | |

He said, "I'd love to, dad, if I could find the time"

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| D | 3 3 | 2 3~3 2 3~3 | 2 3 3 | |
| A | 3 3 3 | | | |
| D | | | | |

"You see, my new job's a hassle and the kid's got the flu"

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| D | 1 3 3~3 2 3 | 1 3 3~3 2 3 | | |
| A | 3 3 | 3 | 3 3 | |
| D | | | | |

"But it's sure nice talking to you, dad It's been sure nice talking to you"

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| D | 3 3 2 3~3 2 3 | 2 3~3 0 0 | | |
| A | | | | |
| D | | | | |

And as I hung up the phone, it occurred to me

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| D | 0 1 3 3 2 3 | 0 1 3 3 2 3 | | |
| A | | | | |
| D | | | | |

He'd grown up just like me My boy was just like me

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| D | | |

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| A | | 3 3 |
| D | | |

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| A | 3 | 3 |
| D | | |

But we'll get together then, dad We're gonna have a good time then