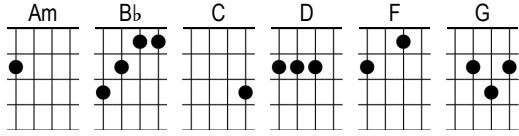


Cat's In The Cradle

Harry Chapin



D || 1/2C D↓

My D child arrived just the F other day
He G came to the world in the D usual way
But there were | planes to catch and F bills to pay
G He learned to walk while D I was away
And he was 1/2C talkin' 'fore I 1/2G knew it
And 1/2Am as he grew 1/2G he'd say
1/2F "I'm gonna 1/2Am be like D you, Dad
You 1/2F know I'm gonna 1/2Am be like D you" |

Chorus 1

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 1/2F we'll get to 1/2Am gether D then
You 1/2F know we'll have a 1/2Am good time D↓ then nc
D || 1/2C D↓

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 | teach me to throw", I said, F "Not today
I got a G lot to do," he said, D "That's okay"
And he 1/2C walked a 1/2G way but his 1/2Am smile never 1/2G dimmed
And said, 1/2F "I'm gonna 1/2Am be like D him, yeah
You 1/2F know I'm gonna 1/2Am be like D↓ him" nc

Repeat Chorus 1

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 | proud of you, can you F sit for a while"
G He shook his head and D said with a smile
"What I'd 1/2C really like, 1/2G Dad, is to 1/2Am borrow the 1/2G car keys
F See you later, can I D have them please" |

Chorus 2

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 1/2F we'll get to 1/2Am gether D then, Dad
You 1/2F know we'll have a 1/2Am good time D↓ then

Bb↓ C↓ Am↓ D↓ Bb↓ C↓ Am↓ D↓ D |

I've D long since retired, my F son's moved away
G I called him up just the D↓ other day nc
I said, "I'd 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 nc
You see my new 1/2C job's a 1/2G hassle and 1/2Am kids have the 1/2G flu
But it's 1/2F sure nice 1/2Am talking to D you, Dad
It's been 1/2F sure nice 1/2Am talking to D↓ you" nc

And as I 1/2C hung up the 1/2G phone it oc 1/2Am curred to 1/2G me
He'd 1/2F grown up 1/2Am just like D me
My 1/2F boy was 1/2Am just like D me |

Repeat Chorus 2

Repeat Chorus 2

D || 1/2C D↓