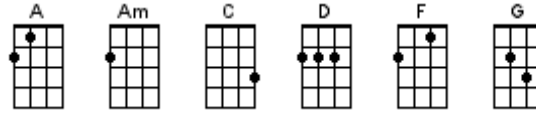


# Cat's in the Cradle v3

Harry Chapin/Cat Stevens 1974



**Intro:** [D] [G] [D] [D]

**Chorus:** The [D] cat's in the cradle and the [C] silver spoon,  
Little [F] boy blue and the [D] man in the moon,  
[D] "When you coming home, dad?" [C] "I don't know when",  
But [F] we'll get together [D] then,  
You [F] know we'll have a good time [D] then. [D]

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

**Chorus:** The [D] cat's in the cradle and the [C] silver spoon,  
Little [F] boy blue and the [D] man in the moon,  
[D] "When you coming home, dad?" [C] "I don't know when",  
But [F] we'll get together [D] then,  
You [F] know we'll have a good time [D] then. [D]

My [D] son turned ten just the [F] other day, he said  
[C] thanks for the ball, dad, [D] come on let's play, can you [D] teach  
me to throw, I said, [F] not today,  
I got a [C] lot to do, he said, [D] that's okay, and he  
[C] walked away, but his [Am] smile never dimmed,  
It said, [F] I'm gonna be like [D] him, yeah,  
[F] You know I'm gonna be like [D] him. [D]

**Chorus:** The [D] cat's in the cradle and the [C] silver spoon,  
Little [F] boy blue and the [D] man in the moon,  
[D] "When you coming home, dad?" [C] "I don't know when",  
But [F] we'll get together [D] then,  
You [F] know we'll have a good time [D] then. [D]

Well, he [D] came from college just the [F] other day,  
So [C] much like a man I just [D] had to say,  
Son, [D] I'm proud of you, can you [F] sit for a while?  
He [C] shook his head, and he [D] said with a smile,  
What I'd [C] really like, dad, is to [Am] borrow the car keys,  
[F] See you later, can I [D] have them please? [D]

I've [D] long since retired and my [F] son's moved away,  
I [C] called him up just the [D] other day,  
I said, [D] I'd like to see you if [F] you don't mind,  
He said, [C] I'd love to, dad, if I could [D] find the time,  
You see, [C] my new job's a hassle, and the [Am] kids have the flu,  
But it's [F] sure nice talking to [D] you, dad,  
It's been [F] sure nice talking to [D] you, [D]  
(*slow down*) And as I [C]↓ hung up the phone, it [Am]↓ occurred to me,  
He'd [F]↓ grown up just like [D]↓ me,  
My [F]↓ boy was just like [D]↓ me. [D]↓

**Chorus/Outro:** The [D] cat's in the cradle and the [C] silver spoon,  
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[D] "When you coming home, dad?" [C] "I don't know when",  
But [F] we'll get together [D] then,  
You [F] know we'll have a good time [D] then. [D↓↓↓↓]