**Cat's in the Cradle (Sandy Chapin / Harry Chapin)**

**A C**

A child arrived just the other day

**D A**

He came to the world in the usual way

**A C**

But there were planes to catch and bills to pay

**D A**

He learned to walk while I was away

**G**

And he was ta lkin’ 'fore I knew it

And as he grew he'd say

**C G A**

I'm gonna be like you, dad

**C Cmaj7 A**

You know I'm gonna be like you

**Chorus:**

**A G**

And the cat’s in the cradle and the silver spoon

**C D**

Little boy blue and the man in the moon

**A G**

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

**C A**

But we'll get together then

**C A**

You know we'll have a good time then.

**A C**

My son turned ten just the other day

**D A**

He said “Thanks for the ball. dad, c'mon let's play

**A C**

Can you teach me to throw, I said "not today;

**D A**

I got a lot to do", he said "that's okay"

**G**

And, he walked away

But his smile never dimmed, he said

**C G A**

"I'm gonna be like him, yeah

**C Cmaj7 A**

You know I'm gonna be like him"

**(Chorus)**



C



D



G



A

**A C**

Well, he came home college just the other day

**D A**

So much like a man, I just had to say

**A C**

"Son I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while?"

**D A**

He shook his head and he said with a smile

**G**

"What I'd really like Dad is to borrow the car keys.

**C G A**

See you later, can I have them please?"

**(Chorus)**

**C Cmaj7 G A C G D A**

**A C**

I've long since retired, my son's moved away

**D A**

I called him up just the other day

**C**

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

**D A**

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

**G**

You see, my new job's a hassle

And the kids have the flu

**C G A**

But it's sure nice talkin' to you dad

**C Cmaj7 A**

It's been sure nice talkin' to you

**G**

And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me

**C G A**

He'd grown up just like me

**C Cmaj7 A**

My boy was just like me

**(Chorus) (extend last line)**

**BARITONE**





G



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**Bb**

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**Eb Bb C**

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**Eb Ebmaj7 C**

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**Chorus:**

**C Bb**

And the cat’s in the cradle and the silver spoon

**Eb F**

Little boy blue and the man in the moon

**C Bb**

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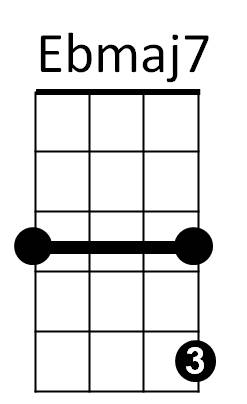
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**(Chorus)**



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F



Eb



C

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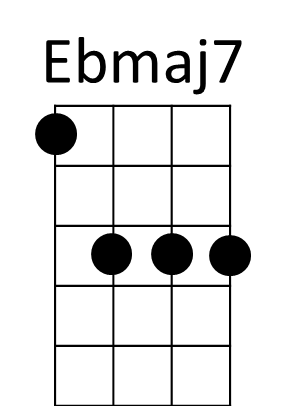
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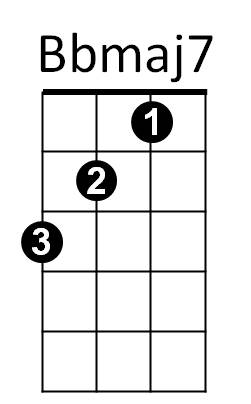
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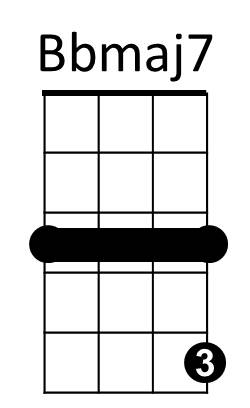
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**BARITONE**



G



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F

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