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

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

Chorus:
A
And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon
C
Little boy blue and the man in the moon
A
When you coming home Dad, I don't know when
C
But we'll get together then
A
You know we'll have a good time then.

My son turned ten just the other day
D
He said "Thanks for the ball, dad, c'mon let's play"
A
Can you teach me to throw, I said "not today;
D
I got a lot to do", he said "that's okay"
G
And, he walked away
But his smile never dimmed, he said
C
"I'm gonna be like him, yeah"
G
You know I'm gonna be like him

(Chorus)

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

(Chorus)

I've long since retired, my son's moved away
D
I called him up just the other day
C
I said "I'd like to see you if you don't mind"
D
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
But it's sure nice talkin' to you dad
C
It's been sure nice talkin' to you
G
And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me
C
He'd grown up just like me
C
My boy was just like me

(Chorus) (extend last line)
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Bb
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Eb    Bb    C
And as he grew, he'd say
Eb    Bb    C
I'm gonna be like you, dad
Eb    Ebmaj7    C
You know I'm gonna be like you

(Chorus)
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Eb    F
Little boy blue and the man in the moon
C    Bb
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Eb    C
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Eb    C
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(Chorus)