G Е А Е Cats In The Cradle - Harry Chapin CAPO 1 A child arrived just the other day He came to the world in the usual way But there were planes to catch and bills to pay He learned to walk while I was away D/C# D/B D/A D/G D/F# F D And he was talkin 'fore I knew it and as he grew he'd say I'm gonna be like you, dad G G/F# Е You know I'm gonna be like you Ε D G Α And the cats in the cradle and the silver spoon Little boy blue and the man in the moon Ε D When you coming home Dad, I don't know when G Ε But we'll get together then You know we'll have a good time then. Е G Е А My son turned ten just the other day He said thanks for the ball dad, c'mon let's play Can you teach me to throw, I said "not today; I got a lot to do", he said "that's okay" D D/C# D/B D/A D/G D/F# Е And he, he walked away but his smile never dimmed, he said I'm gonna be like him, yeah G/F# Е G You know I'm gonna be like him" Chorus Е Е G А Well, he came home college just the other day So much like a man, I just had to say Son I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while? He shook his head and he said with a smile D/C# D D/B D/A D/G D/F# Е "What I'd really like Dad is to borrow the car keys. See you later, can I have them please?" Chorus (son) G G/F# D Е G D А Е Ε Е G А I've long since retired, my son's moved away I called him up just the other day I said "I'd like to see you if you don't mind" He said "I'd love to dad if I could find the time" D D/C# D/B D/A D/G D/F# Е You see, my new job's a hassle and the kid's have the flu But it's sure nice talkin' to you dad G G/F# Е It's been sure nice talkin' to you D/C# D/B D/A D/G D/F# F D And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me He'd grown up just like me G G/F# F My boy was just like me

Chorus (son)