

CAT'S IN THE CRADLE – 3 PAGES

INTRO | **E-3 Esus4-1** | **Esus4-2 D-1** | E-4 | E-4 |

E-2 G-2 A-2 E-2  
A child arrived just the other day He came to the world in the usual way  
E-2 G-2  
But there were planes to catch and bills to pay  
A-2 E-2  
He learned to walk while I was away  
D-1 D/C#-1 D/B-1 D/A-1  
And he was talkin 'fore I knew it and as he grew he'd say  
G-1 G/F#-1 E-2 G-1 G/F#-1 E-4  
I'm gonna be like you, dad You know I'm gonna be like you

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E-2 D-2  
*And the cats in the cradle and the silver spoon*  
G-2 A-2  
*Little boy blue and the man in the moon*  
E-2 D-2  
*When you coming home Dad, I don't know when*  
G-1 G/F#-1 E-2 G-1 G/F#-1 E-4  
*But we'll get together then You know we'll have a good time then.*

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| **E-3 Esus4-1** | **Esus4-2 D-1** | E-4 |

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E-2 G-2  
My son turned ten just the other day  
A-2 E-2  
He said thanks for the ball dad, c'mon let's play  
E-2 G-2  
Can you teach me to throw, I said "not today;  
A-2 E-2  
I got a lot to do", he said "that's okay"  
D-1 D/C#-1 D/B-1 D/A-1  
And he walked away but his smile never dimmed, he said  
G-1 G/F#-1 E-2 G-1 G/F#-1 E-4  
"I'm gonna be like him, yeah You know I'm gonna be like him"

*E-2 D-2*  
*And the cats in the cradle and the silver spoon*  
*G-2 A-2*  
*Little boy blue and the man in the moon*  
*E-2 D-2*  
*When you coming home Dad, I don't know when*  
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*E-2 G-2*  
*Well, he came home college just the other day*  
*A-2 E-2*  
*So much like a man, I just had to say*  
*E-2 G-2*  
*"Son I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while?"*  
*A-2 E-2*  
*He shook his head and he said with a smile*  
*D-1 D/C#-1 D/B-1 D/A-1*  
*"What I'd really like Dad is to borrow the car keys.*  
*G-2 E-4*  
*See you later, can I have them please?"*

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*E-2 D-2*  
*And the cats in the cradle and the silver spoon*  
*G-2 A-2*  
*Little boy blue and the man in the moon*  
*E-2 D-2*  
*When you coming home son I don't know when*  
*G-1 G/F#-1 E-2 G-1 G/F#-1 E-4*  
*But we'll get together then Dad You know we'll have a good time then.*

**[Interlude]**

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E-2 G-2  
I've long since retired, my son's moved away

A-2 E-4  
I called him up just the other day

E-2 G-2  
I said "I'd like to see you if you don't mind"

A-2 E-4  
He said "I'd love to dad if I could find the time"

D-1 D/C#-1 D/B-1 D/A-1  
You see, my new job's a hassle and the kids have the flu

G-1 G/F#-1 E-2 G-1 G/F#-1 E-4  
But it's sure nice talkin' to you dad It's been sure nice talkin' to you

D-1 D/C#-1 D/B-1 D/A-1  
And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me

G-1 G/F#-1 E-2 G-1 G/F#-1 E-4  
He'd grown up just like me My boy was just like me

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E-2 D-2  
*And the cats in the cradle and the silver spoon*

G-2 A-2  
*Little boy blue and the man in the moon*

E-2 D-2  
*When you comin' home son, I don't know when*

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**OUTRO** | E-3 Esus4-1 | Esus4-2 D-1 | [E]