CAT'S IN THE CRADLE

Key: D   **Start Note:** G   **Time:** 4/4   **Strum:** D_du du du

Intro: D / / /   C / / /   F / Am /   D / / /

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       D                    F
1. My child arrived just the other day
        G                     D
   He came to the world in the usual way
                 D                     F
   But there were planes to catch, and bills to pay
   G                       D
   …He learned to walk while I was away
              C     /     G     /     Am   /   G
   And he was talkin' 'fore I knew it, and as he grew
     /        F     /    Am   /    D
   He'd say "I'm gonna be like you, Dad,
         F          /    Am   /    D    D
   You know I'm gonna be like you.
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> ***CHORUS:***
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>           D                          C
>   And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon
>   F                         G
>   Little Boy Blue and the Man in the Moon
>    D                              C
>   "When you comin' home Dad?..."I don't know when,
>         F      /     Am  /   D
>   But we'll get to-gether then…Son,
>          F           /      Am     /     D
>   You know we'll have a good time then."
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> ***Interlude:***   D / / /   C / / /   F / Am /   D / / /

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       D                    F
2. My son turned ten just the other day
           G                          D
   He said, "Thanks for the ball, Dad, come on let's play,
           D                        F
   Can you teach me to throw?" I said, "Not today,
         G                    D
   I got a lot to do, "he said, "That's OK."
              C     /    G    /     Am     /     G
   And he walked a-way but his smile never dimmed
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      /     F   /     Am  /  D
And said, "I'm gonna be like him, yeah,
      F        /     Am /  D      D
You know I'm gonna be like him."


        CHORUS:
                D                        C
        And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon
        F                     G
        Little Boy Blue and the Man in the Moon
         D                            C
        "When you comin' home Dad?..."I don't know when,
            F     /    Am  /  D
        But we'll get to-gether then…Son,
            F          /     Am    /    D
        You know we'll have a good time then."


    Interlude:   D /// 	  C /// 	 F / Am / 	 D ///


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


        CHORUS:
                D                        C
        And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon
        F                     G
        Little Boy Blue and the Man in the Moon
         D                            C
        "When you comin' home Son?..."I don't know when,
            F     /    Am  / D
        But we'll get to-gether then…. Dad,
            F         /        Am    /    D
        You know we'll have a good time then."


        Break:
        Bb / / /   C / Am /   D / / /   D / / / Bb / / /   C / Am /   D / / /   D / / /
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        D                       F
 4. I've long since retired, my son's moved away
    G                         D
    …I called him up just the other day
                                 F
    I said, I'd like to see you, if you don't mind"
                G                D          D
    He said, "I'd love to, Dad, if I can find the time,
                  C   /    G     / Am    /    G
    You see my new job's a hassle and kids have the flu,
        /   F   /   Am   /  D
    But it's sure nice talking to you", Dad
            F   /   Am    /   D     D
    It's been sure nice talking to you."
            C    /     G    /    Am   / G
    And as I hung up the phone it oc-cured to me
    /    F    /   Am /   D
    He's grown up just like me
        F   /    Am  /  D   D
    My boy was just like me.
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CHORUS:

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                 D                          C
        And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon
        F                        G
        Little Boy Blue and the Man in the Moon
         D                          C
        "When you comin' home Son?..."I don't know when,
              F    /    Am  /   D
        But we'll get to-gether then…Dad,
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                   F    /         Am   /    D(arp)
OUTRO: (slowly)You know we'll have a good time then."
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