Cats In The Cradle by Harry Chapin

2/4 Intro: 4/4 4/4 E E E BM E E E - BM E E. G 1. My child ar-rived just the o-ther day He came to the world in the u-su-al way $-\mathbf{E}$ But there are planes to catch and bills to pay D E He learned to walk while I was a-way D D/C# Bm Bm/A And he was tal-king 'fore I knew it____ And as he grew he'd say G G/F# E G G/F# E E I'm gon-na be like you dad____ You know I'm gon-na be like you Chorus: And the cats in the cra-dle and the sil-ver spoon G Α Lit-tle boy blue and the man on the moon D When you co-ming home dad? I don't know when GG/F#EGG/F#EBut we'll get to-ge-ther then____You know we'll have a good time then 2/4 4/4 Instr: E E E Bm E E E. 2. My son turned ten just the o-ther day E D He said thanks for the ball dad come on let's play E G Can you teach me to throw____ I said not today E I got a lot to do____ He said that's okay D/C# Bm Bm/A D And then he walked a-way but his smile never dimmed and said G G/F# E G G/F# E E I'm gon-na be like him yeah____ You know I'm gon-na be like him E D Chorus: And the cats in the cra-dle and the sil-ver spoon G A Lit-tle boy blue and the man on the moon D When you co-ming home dad? I don't know when G G/F# E G G/F# Ε But we'll get to-ge-ther then____ You know we'll have a good time then 2/4 4/4 Instr: E E E Bm E E

E 3. Well he came from college just the o-ther day D $-\mathbf{E}$ So much like a man I just had to say E. Son I'm proud of you can you sit for a while E He shook his head and then said with a smile D D/C# Bm Bm/A What I'd real-ly like dad is to bor-row the car keys E E See you la-ter can I have them please \mathbf{E} D Chorus: And the cats in the cra-dle and the sil-ver spoon G Α Lit-tle boy blue and the man on the moon When you co-ming home son? I don't know when G G/F# E G G/F# E But we'll get to-ge-ther then dad ____ You know we'll have a good time then Bridge: C Bm - D E E C Bm - D E E E E 4. I've long since re-tired my son's moved away E E D I called him up just the o-ther day E I said I'd like to see you if you don't mind E D E He said I'd love to dad if I can find the time D D/C# Bm Bm/A You see my new jobs a has-sle and the kids have the flu G G/F# E But it's sure nice tal-kin' to you dad G G/F# E E It's been sure nice tal-kin' to you D/C# D Bm Bm/A And as I hung up the phone it oc-curred to me G/F# E E G G/F# E G He'd grown up just like me____ My boy was just like me E. D Chorus: And the cats in the cra-dle and the sil-ver spoon G Lit-tle boy blue and the man on the moon E D When you co-ming home son? I don't know when G/F# E G/F# E G G But we'll get to-ge-ther then dad____ We're gon-na have a good time then 2/4 4/4 Outro: E E E Bm E

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