

# Cats in the Cradle

## Ugly Kid Joe

My child arrived just the other day  
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  
He was talkin' 'fore I knew it  
And as he grew he said  
"I'm gonna be like you, Dad  
You know I'm gonna be like you"  
And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon  
Little boy blue and the man on the moon  
"When you comin' home?"  
"Son, I don't know when  
We'll get together then  
You know we'll have a good time then"  
Well, my son turned ten just the other day  
He said, "Thanks for the ball, Dad, come on, let's play  
Could you teach me to throw?"  
I said, "Not today, I got a lot to do"  
He said, "That's okay"  
And he walked away  
And he smiled and he said  
"You know, I'm gonna be like him, yeah  
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Well, he came from college just the other day  
So much like a man I just had to say  
"I'm proud of you  
Could you sit for a while?"  
He shook his head and he said with a smile  
"What I'd really like, Dad, is to borrow the car keys  
See you later  
Can I have them please?"  
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I've long since retired, my son's moved away  
I called him up just the other day  
"I'd like to see you, if you don't mind  
He said, "I'd love to, Dad, if I could find the time"  
"You see my new job's a hassle and the kids have the flu  
But it's sure nice talkin' to you, Dad, it's been sure nice talkin' to you"  
And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me

He'd grown up just like me, my boy was just like me  
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