Harry Chapin

Cats In The Cradle

My 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
And he was talking 'fore I knew it, and as he grew
He'd say "I'm gonna be like you, dad"
"You know I'm gonna be like you"

And the cats in the cradle at the silver spoon
Little boy blue and the man on the moon
"When you coming home, dad?" "I don't know when"
But we'll get together then
You know we'll have a good time then

My son turned ten just the other day
He said, thanks for the ball, dad, come on lets play
Can you teach me to throw, I said, not today
I got a lot to do, he said, that's okay
And he walked away but his smile never dimmed
It said, I'm gonna be like him, yeah
You know I'm gonna be like him

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Well, he came from collage 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
What I'd really like, dad, is to borrow the car keys
See you later, can I have them please?

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"When you coming home, son?" "I don't know when"
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I've long since retired and 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
You see, my new job's a hassle, and the kids have the flu
But it's been sure nice talking to you, dad
It's been sure nice talking 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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