

Cat's in the cradle
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My
I E Child arrived just the other day **I G** he came to the world in the usual way but there were **I A** **I E** **I**
I E Planes to catch and bills to pay **I G** he learned to walk while I was away he was **I A** **I E** **I**
I D Talking 'for I knew it and as **I Bm** /**A** **I G** **Bm/F#** **I E** **I**
he grew he said I'm gonna be like you dad you
I G **Bm/F#** **II: E** **:II**
Know I'm gonna be like you and the

I E Cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon **I D** **I G** little boy blue and the man in the moon **I A** **I**
I E When you comin' home dad I don't know when **I G** **Bm/F#** **I E** **I**
we'll get to - gether then you
I G **Bm/F#** **II: E** **:II**
Know we'll have a good time then my

I E Son turned ten just the other day **I G** he said thanks for the ball dad come on let's play can you **I A** **I E** **I**
I E Teach me to throw I said not today **I G** **I A** **I E** **I**
I got a lot to do he said that's OK he
I D Walked a - way but his smile never dimmed it said I'm gonna be like him yeah you **I G** **Bm/F#** **I E** **I**
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Know we'll have a good time then well he

I E Came from college just the other day **I G** **I A** **I E** **I**
so much like a man I just had to say son I'm
I E Proud of you can you sit for a while **I G** **I A** **I E** **I**
he shook his head and he said with a smile what I'd
I D Really like dad is to borrow the car keys **I G** **Bm/F#** **II: E** **:II**
see you later can I have them please and the

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Know we'll have a good time then I've

I E Long since retired my son's moved away **I G** **I A** **I E** **I**
I called him up just the other day I said I'd
I E Like to see you if you don't mind he said I'd love to dad if I could find the time my **I G** **I A** **I E** **I**
I D New job's a hassle & the kids have the flu but it's sure nice talkin' to you dad it's **I G** **Bm/F#** **I E** **I**
I G **Bm/F#** **II: E** **:II**
Sure nice talkin' to you and as I

I D Hung up the phone it oc - curred to me he'd grown up just like me **I G** **Bm/F#** **I E** **I**
my
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Boy was just like me

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I G **Bm/F#** **II: E** **:II**
Know we'll have a good time then