

# Cat's in the Cradle

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Harry Chapin - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=etundhQa724>  
(But in F)

[G] My child arrived just the [Bb] other day  
He [C] came to the world in the [G] usual way  
But there were [G] planes to catch and [Bb] bills to pay  
He [C] learned to walk while I [G] was away  
And he was [F] talkin' 'fore I knew it and [Dm] as he grew  
He'd say [Bb] I'm gonna [Dm] be like [G] you dad  
You [Bb] know I'm gonna [Dm] be like [G] you

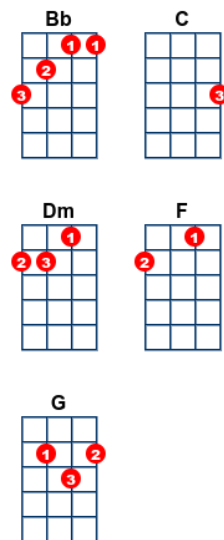
And the [G] cat's in the cradle and the [F] silver spoon  
[Bb] Little boy blue and the [C] man in the moon  
[G] When you comin' home dad I [F] don't know when  
But [Bb] we'll get to [Dm] gether [G] then son  
You [Bb] know we'll have a [Dm] good time [G] then

[G] My son turned ten just the [Bb] other day  
He said [C] Thanks for the ball Dad come [G] on let's play  
[G] Can you teach me to throw I said [Bb] not today  
I got a [C] lot to do he said [G] that's OK  
And he [F] walked away but his [Dm] smile never dimmed  
And said [Bb] I'm gonna [Dm] be like [G] him yeah  
You [Bb] know I'm gonna [Dm] be like [G] him

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

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[G] I've long since retired my [Bb] son's moved away  
I [C] called him up just the [G] other day  
I said I'd [G] like to see you if [Bb] you don't mind  
He said I'd [C] love to Dad if I could [G] find the time  
You see my [F] new job's a hassle and the [Dm] kids have the flu  
But it's [Bb] sure nice [Dm] talking to [G] you Dad  
It's been [Bb] sure nice [Dm] talking to [G] you

And as I [F] hung up the phone it o[Dm]ccurred to me  
He'd [Bb] grown up [Dm] just like [G] me my [Bb] boy was [Dm] just like [G]  
me

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