

# Cat's In The Cradle

Celtic Thunder

My child arrived just the other day  
Came into 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 talkin' '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."

Well, the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon  
Little Boy Blue and the Man in the Moon  
"When you comin' home, Dad?"  
"I don't know when, but we'll get together then, son.  
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, let's  
play.  
Can you teach me to throw?" I said, "Not today  
I got a lot to do", he said, "That's ok."  
And he walked away but his smile never dimmed  
And said, "I'm gonna be like him, yeah.  
You know I'm gonna be like him."

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Well, he came from college 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 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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Well, I've long since retired; 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 can find the time.  
You see, my new job's a hassle and the kids have the  
flu  
But it's 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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