

# Cat's In The Cradle

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Hear this song at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUWjNBjgR-c> (original key F)

From: Richard G's Ukulele Songbook [www.scorpex.net/Uke](http://www.scorpex.net/Uke)

[C] My child arrived just the [Eb] other day  
He [Bb] came to the world in the [C] usual way  
But there were [C] planes to catch and [Eb] bills to pay  
He [F] learned to walk while I [C] was away  
And he was [Bb] talkin' 'fore I knew it and [Gm] as he grew  
He'd say [Eb] I'm gonna [Gm] be like [C7] you dad  
You [Eb] know I'm gonna [Gm] be like [C] you

**Chorus:** *And the [C] cat's in the cradle and the [Bb] silver spoon  
[Eb] Little boy blue and the [F] man in the moon  
[C] When you comin' home dad I [Bb] don't know when  
But [Eb] we'll get to[Gm]gether [C7] then son  
You [Eb] know we'll have a [Gm] good time [C] then*

[C] My son turned ten just the [Eb] other day  
He said [F] Thanks for the ball Dad come [C] on let's play  
[C] Can you teach me to throw I said [Eb] not today  
I got a [F] lot to do he said [C] that's OK  
And he [Bb] walked away but his [Gm] smile never dimmed  
And said [Eb] I'm gonna [Gm] be like [C7] him yeah  
You [Eb] know I'm gonna [Gm] be like [C] him

**Chorus**

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

**Chorus**

[C] I've long since retired my [Eb] son's moved away  
I [F] called him up just the [C] other day  
I said I'd [C] like to see you if [Eb] you don't mind  
He said I'd [F] love to Dad if I could [C] find the time  
You see my [Bb] new job's a hassle and the [Gm] kids have the flu  
But it's [Eb] sure nice [Gm] talking to [C7] you Dad  
It's been [Eb] sure nice [Gm] talking to [C] you  
And as I [Bb] hung up the phone it o[Gm]ccurred to me  
He'd [Eb] grown up [Gm] just like [C7] me my [Eb] boy was [Gm] just like [C] me

**Chorus** (substitute son for dad and vice versa)

