CAT'S IN THE CRADLE

Moderately, with a 2 feel $\frac{1}{4} = 76$

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Verses 1 & 2:

child arrived just the other day;
son turned ten just the other day.
He said, "Thanks for the ball, Dad. Come
usual way... But there were planes to catch;
and bills to pay..." I said, "Not today... I got a

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He learned to walk while I was away. And he was talkin' for I knew it. And his

as he grew he'd say, "I'm gonna be like you, Dad. You know I'm gonna be like him." And the

Chorus:
cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon, little boy blue and the man...
in the moon... "When you com-in' home, 1.2. Dad?" 3.4. Son?" "I don't know when, but

we'll get to-get-her then... Son. yeah. Dad. You know we'll have a good time

then."

1.

2. My

3. Well, he
Verse 3:

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 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?"

And the

D.S. \# al Coda 1

Coda 1

then."
Verse 4:

long since re-tired, 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 talkin' to
(h) you, Dad. It's been sure nice talk-in' to (h) 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. And the

D.S. \#8 al Coda II

Coda II

Dad, we're gon-na have a good time then. a tempo