CAT’S IN THE CRADLE-Harry Chapin

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My child arrived just the other day, he came to the world in the usual way
My son turned ten just the other day, he said, "Thanks for the ball, Dad, come on let's play

But there were planes to catch and bills to pay, he learned to walk while I was away
Can you teach me to throw", I said "Not today, I got a lot to do", he said, "That's ok"

And he was talkin' 'fore I knew it, and as he grew, he'd say "I'm gonna be like you, Dad, 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 you"
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And 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 to-gether then,

You know we'll have a good time then 1. 2nd verse and refrain 2. Go on

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