

My **child** arrived just the **other** day
 He **came** to the world in the **usual** way
 But there were **planes** to catch and **bills** to pay
 He **learned** to walk while I **was** away

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And he was **talkin'** 'fore I knew it and as he grew
 He said "**I'm** gonna be like **you**, Dad"
 "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** on the moon
When you coming home *Dad*? I **don't** know when
 But **we'll** get together **then**
 You **know** we'll have a good time **then**

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My **son** turned ten just the **other** day
 He said, "**Thanks** for the ball Dad, **come** on, lets play"
 "Can you **teach** me to throw?" I said, "**Not** today"
 "I got a **lot** to do", he said "**That's** okay"

And **walked** away, but his smile never dimmed
 Said, "**I'm** gonna be like **him**, yeah"
 "You know, **I'm** gonna be like **him**"

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 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?

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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 coming home, *Son*?" "I don't know when"
 But we'll get together then, *Dad*
 You know we'll have a good time then

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 could **find** the time"

"You see the **new** job's a hassle & the kid's got the flu
 But its been **sure** nice talkin' to **you**, Dad
 It's been **sure** nice talkin' 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** ... *Chorus*