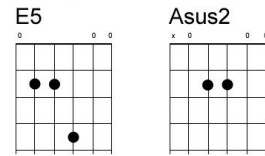


# Cat's in the Cradle

music by Harry Chapin and lyrics by Sandra Chapin (1974)

E5 Asus2 Bm7 Bm7(2) E5 E5 E5(2) Bm7(2) E5 E5



E5 G5 Asus2 E  
 A child arrived just the other day He came into the world in the usual way  
 E5 G5 Asus2 E  
 There were planes to catch and there were bills to pay; he learned to walk while I was away  
 D(1/2) D/C#(1/2) D/B(1/2) D/A(1/2)  
 He was talking 'fore I knew it and when he could, he said  
 Gsus2(1/2) D/F#(1/2) E Gsus2(1/2) D/F#(1/2) E, or use Bm and Bm7/A  
 "I'm gonna be like you, Dad. You know I'm gonna be like you." for D/B and D/A

E D G A  
 And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon, little boy blue and the man in the moon, sayin'  
 E D G(1/2) G/F#(1/2) E  
 When you comin' home son, I don't know when, but we'll get together then, yeah,  
 G(1/2) G/F#(1/2) E5 Asus2 Bm7 Bm7(2) E5  
 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.  
 Could you teach me to throw?", I said "Not today.  
 I got a lot to do," he said "That's OK."  
 He walked away with a smile on his face, he said  
 "I'm gonna be like him, yeah, you know I'm gonna be  
 like him"

I've long since retired, my son moved away  
 I called him up just the other day, 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, my new job's hassle and the kids got the flu,  
 but it's sure nice talking to you, Dad, it was sure nice  
 talking to you."

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, could 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?"

D(1/2) D/C#(1/2) Bm(1/2) Bm/A(1/2)  
 And as I hung up the phone is occurred to me,  
 Gsus2(1/2) D/F#(1/2) E  
 He'd grown up just like me, yeah  
 Gsus2(1/2) D/F#(1/2) E  
 My boy was just like me.

