

*E*            *G*  
A child arrived just the other day  
*A*            *E*  
Came to the world in the usual way  
*E*            *G*  
There were planes to catch, bills to pay  
*A*            *E*  
He learned to walk while I was away  
*D*  
He was talking 'fore I knew it and when he could, he said  
*G*            *E*  
"I'm gonna be like you, dad,  
*G*            *E*  
You know I'm gonna be like you"

*E*            *G*  
The cats in the cradle and the silver spoon  
*D*            *A*  
Little boy blue and a man on the moon  
*E*            *G*  
When you comin' home son, I don't know when  
*D*            *E*  
We'll get together then,  
*G*            *E*  
You know we'll have a good time then

*E*            *G*  
My son turned ten just the other day  
*A*            *E*  
He said "Thanks for the ball dad, come on, let's play  
*E*            *G*  
Could you teach me to throw?", I said "Not today  
*A*            *E*  
I got a lot to do", he said "That's OK"  
*D*            *G*  
He walked away with a smile on his face, he said  
*E*  
"I'm gonna be like him, yeah,  
*G*            *E*  
you know I'm gonna be like him"

*E*            *G*  
The cats in the cradle and the silver spoon  
*D*            *A*  
Little boy blue and a man on the moon  
*E*            *G*  
When you comin' home son, I don't know when  
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*E*            *G*  
Well he came from college just the other day

A E  
So much like a man I just have to say  
E G  
I'm proud of you, could you sit for a while  
A E  
He shook his head and he said with a smile  
D  
What I'm feeling like, dad, is to borrow the car keys  
G E  
see you later, can I have them please

E G  
The cats in the cradle and the silver spoon  
D A  
Little boy blue and a man on the moon  
E G  
When you comin' home son, I don't know when  
D E  
We'll get together then,  
G E  
You know we'll have a good time then

E G  
I've long since retired, my son moved away  
A E  
I called him up just the other day  
E G  
I'd like to see you, if you don't mind  
A E  
He said: I'd love to, dad, if I could find the time.  
D  
You see, my new job's hassle and the kids got the flu,  
G E  
but it's sure nice talking to you dad,  
G E  
it was sure nice talking to you.

D  
And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me  
G E  
He'd grown up just like me  
G E  
My boy was just like me!