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I'm gonna be like you, dad.

"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

And he was talking 'fore I knew it, and as he grew

He'd say "I'm gonna be like you, dad"

"You know I'm gonna be like you"

And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon

Little boy blue and the man in the moon



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"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

My son turned ten just the other day

He said, thanks for the ball, dad, come on let's play

Can you teach me to throw, I said-a, not today

I got a lot to do, he said, that's okay

And he, he walked away, but his smile never dimmed

It said, I'm gonna be like him, yeah

You know I'm gonna be like him

And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon

Little boy blue and the man in 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

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 they 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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"When you coming home, son?" "I don't know when"

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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 can find the time

You see, my new job's a hassle, and the kids have the flu

But it's sure nice talking to you, dad

It's been sure nice talking 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

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

We're gonna have a good time then."

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