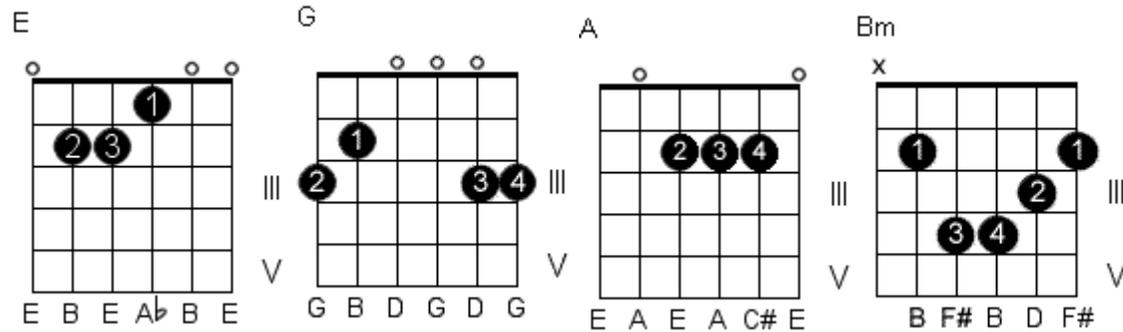


Cats In The Cradle – Harry Chapin

Strumming Pattern: DDD, DU

Fingerstyle Pattern: The low melody notes should be played with the thumb. The mid-melody notes should be played with your 1st finger. The high melody notes should be played with your 2nd finger.

Chords Used (note – the D, D/C#, D/B, and D/A is in the tab):



Feel free to use the G barred version as well if you'd like.

Capo Fret 1

The bass run:

Really this is just a D with bass notes on the A string. The / indicates the bass note so the progression is this before we move into the G chord (which is also really just a G note with open notes on the G and B strings)

D D/C# D/B D/A (really just a D chord)

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e|---2-----2-----2-----
B|---3-----3-----3-----
G|---2-----2-----2-----
D|-----
A|-----4-----2-----0-----
E|-----
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Intro: E

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      (E)                      G
My child arrived just the other day
      A                      E
He came to the world in the usual way
                                G
But there were planes to catch and bills to pay
      A                      E
He learned to walk while I was away
      D          D/C#          D/B          D/A
And he was talkin' 'fore I knew it, and as he grew
      G          Bm          E
He said "I'm gonna be like you dad
      G          Bm          E
You know I'm gonna be like you"
      (E)                      D
And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon

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G A
Little boy blue and the man on the moon
E
When you comin' home dad?
D G Bm E
I don't know when, but we'll get together then son
G Bm 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
G
Can you teach me to throw", I said "Not today
A E
I got a lot to do", he said, "That's ok"
D D/C# D/B D/A
And he walked away but his smile never dimmed
G Bm E
And said, "I'm gonna be like him, yeah
G Bm E
You know I'm gonna be like him"

(repeat CHORUS)

(E) G
Well, he came home from college just the other day
A E
So much like a man I just had to say
G
"Son, I'm proud of you, can you sit for a while?"
A E
He shook his head and said with a smile
D D/C# D/B D/A
"What I'd really like, Dad, is to borrow the car keys
G Bm E
See you later, can I have them please?"

(Repeat CHORUS)

Bridge: C - D - Bm - E (x2)

(E) G
I've long since retired, my son's moved away
A E
I called him up just the other day
G
I said, "I'd like to see you if you don't mind"
A E
He said, "I'd love to, Dad, if I can find the time
D D/C# D/B D/A
You see my new job's a hassle and the kids have the flu
G Bm E
But it's been nice talking to you, Dad
G Bm E
It's sure nice talking to you"
D D/C# D/B D/A
And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me
G Bm E
He'd grown up just like me
G Bm E (build)
My boy was just like me

CHORUS

(E) D
And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon

G A
Little boy blue and the man on the moon

E
When you comin' home son?

D G Bm E
I don't know when, but we'll get together then dad.

G Bm E
You know we'll have a good time then...