

Guns N' Roses

"Cats In The Cradle"

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My child arrived just the other day
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

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

And the cat's in the cradle and the silver spoon
Little boy blue and the man on the moon
When you comin' home?
Son, 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, "Not today, I got a lot to do"

He said, "That's okay" and then he walked away
But the smile never dimmed and he said
"You know, I'm gonna be like him, yeah
You know I'm gonna be like him"

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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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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 my new job's a hassle
And the kids have the flu
But it's 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

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