

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 talkin' '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
 When you comin' 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 walked away but his smile never dimmed
 And said 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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 But we'll get together then dad you know we'll have a good time then

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 kids' with 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

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