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**“Cats in the Cradle”**

*A 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 before I knew it, and as he grew he said, "I'm going to be like you, Dad. You know I'm going to be like you." And the Cats 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.”*

*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 he walked away, but his smile never dimmed and said, "I'm going to be like him, yeah. You know I'm going to be like him." And the Cats 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 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?" And the Cats 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. You know we'll have a good time then”*

*I've long since retired. My son 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 talking to you, Dad. It's been sure nice talking to you.”*

*As I hung up the phone, it had occurred to me. He'd grown up just like me. My boy was just like me And the Cats 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 going to have a good time then.*

1. Briefly, in one or two sentences, what is the song about?

2. Why do you think the boy want to be like his dad?

3. At what point in time does the relationship between the father and son change?

4. Why does the father say that his son turned out just like him?

5. Why do you think the writer included names of nursery rhymes?

6. As the boy is growing up, what exact words does the writer use three times to tell what will happen whenever the

boy and his father are able to get together?