

Cats In The Cradle

TASK 1 Put the verbs in the brackets in the Past Simple:

My child _____ (arrive) just the other day
He _____ (come) to the world in the usual way
But there _____ (be) planes to catch and bills to pay
He _____ (learn) to walk while I _____ (be) away
And he was talking before I _____ (know) it,
and as he _____ (grow)
He'd say "I'm gonna be like you, Dad
You know I'm gonna be like you"

TASK 2 Put the lines in the correct order:

You know we'll have a good time then
Little boy blue and the man on the moon
And the cats in the cradle and the silver spoon
When you comin' home, Dad
I don't know when, but we'll get together then

TASK 3 Complete the gaps:

My son turned _____ just the other day
He said, "Thanks for the _____, Dad, come on let's play
can you teach me to throw", I said "Not _____
I got a lot to do", he said, "That's OK"
And he walked away but his _____ never dimmed
And said, "I'm gonna be like him, yeah
You know I'm gonna be like him"

And the cats in the cradle and the silver spoon
Little boy blue and the man on 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

TASK 4 Complete this verse with:

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

And the cats 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, Dad
You know we'll have a good time then

TASK 5: Write dad or son into the empty spaces.

I've long since retired, my _____'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, _____, if I can find the time
You see my new job's a hassle and kids have the flu
But it's sure nice talking to you, _____
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 cats in the cradle and the silver spoon
Little boy blue and the man in the moon
When you comin' home son
I don't know when, but we'll get together then, Dad
We're gonna have a good time then