

## 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