

Shipbuilding

Words & Music:
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Am Am/G D7/F# D

Em Em/D# Em/D C#dim D Dm

Is it worth it? A new winter coat and shoes for the wife?

Dm Cm7 D

And a bicycle on the boy's birthday?

D G

It's just a rumour that was spread around town

C D G

By the women and children: soon we'll be shipbuilding

Well, I ask you, the boy said "Dad they're going to take me to task.

But I'll be back by Christmas."

It's just a rumour that was spread around town

CM7 D

Somebody said that someone got filled in

CM7 D CM7 D G

For saying that people get killed in the result of this shipbuilding.

G G7

With all the will in the world,

Eb6 D G

Diving for dear life when we could be diving for pearls.

Em Em/D# Em/D C#dim D Dm Cm7

D G CM7 D

It's just a rumour that was spread around town; a telegram or a picture postcard

CM7 D

Within weeks they'll be re-opening the shipyards

CM7 D G

And notifying the next of kin once again.

G7 Eb6 D G

It's all we're skilled in -- we will be shipbuilding

Gm

With all the will in the world.

Eb6 D Em

Diving for dear life when we could be diving for pearls.

Em Em/D# Em/D C#dim D Dm Cm7 D

G CM7 D CM7 D CM7 D G

G/F# G7 Eb6 D G Gm

It's all we're skilled in. We will be shipbuilding. With all the will in the world.

Eb6 D

Diving for dear life when we could be diving for pearls.

D Em

When we could be diving for pearls. When we could be diving for pearls.