

Shipbuilding
Elvis Costello

Intro: **Am C D D**

Em Em/D# Em/D
Is it worth it
C#dim D Dm
A new winter coat and shoes for the wife
Cm7 D
And a bicycle on the boy s birthday
G C
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
D
By the women and children
G G Em
Soon we ll be shipbuilding
Em/D# Em/D
Well I ask you
C#dim D Dm
The boy said Dad they re going to make me to task
Cm7 D
But I ll be back by christmas
G C7+
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
D C7+
Somebody said that someone got filled in
D C7+
For saying that people get killed in
D G
The result of this shipbuilding
G7
With all the will in the world
Eb6 D
Diving for dear life
G
When we could be diving for pearls

Solo: **Em Em/D# Em/D C#dim D Dm Cm7 D**

G C7+
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
D C7+
A telegram or a picture postcard
D C7+
Within weeks they ll be re-opening the shipyards
D
And notifying the next of kin
G
Once again

G7

It s all we re skilled in

Eb6 D G

We will be shipbuilding

Gm

With all the will in the world

Eb6 D

Diving for dear life

Em

When we could be diving for pearls

Solo 2: Em/D# - Em/D - C#dim - D - Dm - Cm7 - D -
G - C7+ - D - C7+ - D - C7+ - D - G

G7

It s all we re skilled in

Eb6 D G

We will be shipbuilding

Gm

With all the will in the world

Eb6 D

Diving for dear life

D

When we could be diving for pearls

D

When we could be diving for pearls

D

Em

When we could be diving for pearls