

**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