

Shipbuilding
Elvis Costello

Intro: **Bbm C# Eb Eb**

Fm Fm/D# Fm/D
Is it worth it
 Ddim Eb Ebm
A new winter coat and shoes for the wife
 C#m7 Eb
And a bicycle on the boy s birthday
 G# C#
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
 Eb
By the women and children
 G# G# Fm
Soon we ll be shipbuilding
 Fm/D# Fm/D
Well I ask you
 Ddim Eb Ebm
The boy said Dad they re going to make me to task
 C#m7 Eb
But I ll be back by christmas
 G# C#7+
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
 Eb C#7+
Somebody said that someone got filled in
 Eb C#7+
For saying that people get killed in
 Eb G#
The result of this shipbuilding
 G#7
With all the will in the world
 E6 Eb
Diving for dear life
 G#
When we could be diving for pearls

Solo: **Fm Fm/D# Fm/D Ddim Eb Ebm C#m7 Eb**

G# C#7+
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
 Eb C#7+
A telegram or a picture postcard
 Eb C#7+
Within weeks they ll be re-opening the shipyards
 Eb
And notifying the next of kin
G#
Once again

G#7

It s all we re skilled in

E6 Eb G#

We will be shipbuilding

G#m

With all the will in the world

E6 Eb

Diving for dear life

Fm

When we could be diving for pearls

Solo 2: Fm/D# - Fm/D - Ddim - Eb - Ebm - C#m7 - Eb -
G# - C#7+ - Eb - C#7+ - Eb - C#7+ - Eb - G#

G#7

It s all we re skilled in

E6 Eb G#

We will be shipbuilding

G#m

With all the will in the world

E6 Eb

Diving for dear life

Eb

When we could be diving for pearls

Eb

When we could be diving for pearls

Eb Fm

When we could be diving for pearls