

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