

Shipbuilding
Elvis Costello

Intro: **Gm Bb C C**

Dm Dm/D# Dm/D
Is it worth it
Bdim C Cm
A new winter coat and shoes for the wife
Bbm7 C
And a bicycle on the boy s birthday
F Bb
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
C
By the women and children
F F Dm
Soon we ll be shipbuilding
Dm/D# Dm/D
Well I ask you
Bdim C Cm
The boy said Dad they re going to make me to task
Bbm7 C
But I ll be back by christmas
F Bb7+
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
C Bb7+
Somebody said that someone got filled in
C Bb7+
For saying that people get killed in
C F
The result of this shipbuilding
F7
With all the will in the world
C#6 C
Diving for dear life
F
When we could be diving for pearls

Solo: **Dm Dm/D# Dm/D Bdim C Cm Bbm7 C**

F Bb7+
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
C Bb7+
A telegram or a picture postcard
C Bb7+
Within weeks they ll be re-opening the shipyards
C
And notifying the next of kin
F
Once again

F7

It s all we re skilled in

C#6 C F

We will be shipbuilding

Fm

With all the will in the world

C#6 C

Diving for dear life

Dm

When we could be diving for pearls

Solo 2: Dm/D# - Dm/D - Bdim - C - Cm - Bbm7 - C -
F - Bb7+ - C - Bb7+ - C - Bb7+ - C - F

F7

It s all we re skilled in

C#6 C F

We will be shipbuilding

Fm

With all the will in the world

C#6 C

Diving for dear life

C

When we could be diving for pearls

C

When we could be diving for pearls

C

Dm

When we could be diving for pearls