

Shipbuilding
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Intro: **G#m B C# C#**

Ebm Ebm/D# Ebm/D
Is it worth it
Cdim C# C#m
A new winter coat and shoes for the wife
Bm7 C#
And a bicycle on the boy s birthday
F# B
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
C#
By the women and children
F# F# Ebm
Soon we ll be shipbuilding
Ebm/D# Ebm/D
Well I ask you
Cdim C# C#m
The boy said Dad they re going to make me to task
Bm7 C#
But I ll be back by christmas
F# B7+
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
C# B7+
Somebody said that someone got filled in
C# B7+
For saying that people get killed in
C# F#
The result of this shipbuilding
F#7
With all the will in the world
D6 C#
Diving for dear life
F#
When we could be diving for pearls

Solo: Ebm Ebm/D# Ebm/D Cdim C# C#m Bm7 C#
F# B7+
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
C# B7+
A telegram or a picture postcard
C# B7+
Within weeks they ll be re-opening the shipyards
C#
And notifying the next of kin
F#
Once again

F#7

It s all we re skilled in

D6 C# F#

We will be shipbuilding

F#m

With all the will in the world

D6 C#

Diving for dear life

Ebm

When we could be diving for pearls

Solo 2: Ebm/D# - Ebm/D - Cdim - C# - C#m - Bm7 - C# -
F# - B7+ - C# - B7+ - C# - B7+ - C# - F#

F#7

It s all we re skilled in

D6 C# F#

We will be shipbuilding

F#m

With all the will in the world

D6 C#

Diving for dear life

C#

When we could be diving for pearls

C#

When we could be diving for pearls

C# Ebm

When we could be diving for pearls