

**Shipbuilding**  
**Elvis Costello**

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