

Shipbuilding
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Intro: **Bm D E E**

F#m F#m/D# F#m/D
Is it worth it
 Ebdim E Em
A new winter coat and shoes for the wife
 Dm7 E
And a bicycle on the boy s birthday
 A D
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
 E
By the women and children
 A A F#m
Soon we ll be shipbuilding
 F#m/D# F#m/D
Well I ask you
 Ebdim E Em
The boy said Dad they re going to make me to task
 Dm7 E
But I ll be back by christmas
 A D7+
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
 E D7+
Somebody said that someone got filled in
 E D7+
For saying that people get killed in
 E A
The result of this shipbuilding
 A7
With all the will in the world
 F6 E
Diving for dear life
 A
When we could be diving for pearls

Solo: **F#m F#m/D# F#m/D Ebdim E Em Dm7 E**

A D7+
It s just a rumour that was spread around town
 E D7+
A telegram or a picture postcard
 E D7+
Within weeks they ll be re-opening the shipyards
 E
And notifying the next of kin
A
Once again

A7

It s all we re skilled in

F6 E A

We will be shipbuilding

Am

With all the will in the world

F6 E

Diving for dear life

F#m

When we could be diving for pearls

Solo 2: F#m/D# - F#m/D - Ebdim - E - Em - Dm7 - E -
A - D7+ - E - D7+ - E - D7+ - E - A

A7

It s all we re skilled in

F6 E A

We will be shipbuilding

Am

With all the will in the world

F6 E

Diving for dear life

E

When we could be diving for pearls

E

When we could be diving for pearls

E

F#m

When we could be diving for pearls