

**Shipbuilding**  
**Elvis Costello**

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