

**The Shipyard Apprentice  
Malinky**

[Intro]

**C G/B F G x2**

[Verse]

**C G**  
I was born in the shadow of the Fairfield crane  
**C**  
Where the blast o a freighter s horn  
**G C**  
Was the very first sound that reached my ears  
**F G**  
On the morning I was born  
**F**  
I lay and I listened tae the shipyard sound  
**C**  
Coming out of the unknown  
**G C**  
And was lulled to sleep by the mother tongue  
**F G**  
That was to be my own

[Instrumental]

**C G/B F G x2**

[Verse]

**C G**  
But before I grew tae be one year old  
**C**  
I heard the sirens scream  
**G C**  
As a city watched in the blacked-out night  
**F G**  
A wandering searchlight beam  
**F**  
And then at last I awoke and rose  
**C**  
Tae my first day of peace  
**G C**  
For I d learned that the battle to stay alive  
**F G**  
Was never going tae cease

[Instrumental]

**C G/B F G x2**

[Verse]

**C G**

I sat and I listened tae my father tell

**C**

Of the days that he once knew

**G**

**C**

When ye either sweated for a measly wage

**F**

**G**

Or ye joined the parish queue

**F**

As times grew harder day by day

**C**

Along the riverside

**G**

**C**

I oftimes heard my mother say

**F**

**G**