

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