

**The Thresher**  
**Phil Ochs**

Fingerpickin

[Intro]

**Bm G F# Bm Em A F#**

[Verse 1]

**Bm G F# Bm**  
In Portsmouth town on the eastern shore

**Em A F#**  
Where many a fine ship was born.

**Bm G**  
The Thresher was built  
**F# Bm**  
And the Thresher was launched

**Em A F#**  
And the crew of the Thresher was sworn.

**Bm G**  
She was shaped like a tear  
**F# Bm**  
She was built like a shark  
**Em A F#**  
She was made to run fast and free.

**Bm G**  
And the builders shook their hands  
**F# Bm**  
And the builders shared their wine,  
**Em A F#**  
And thought that they had mastered the sea.

[Chorus]

**Bm F#**  
Yes, she ll always run silent  
**Em F#**  
And she ll always run deep  
**Emadd9 Bmadd9**  
Though the ocean has no pity  
**A F#**  
Though the waves will never weep  
**Bmadd9**  
They ll never weep.

[Verse 2]

**Bm G**  
And they marvelled at her speed  
**F# Bm**  
And they marvelled at her depth

**Em A F#**  
They marvelled at her deadly design  
**Bm G**  
And they sailed to every land  
**F# Bm**  
And they sailed to every port  
**Em A F#**  
Just to see what faults they could find

**Bm G**  
Then they put her on the land  
**F# Bm**  
For nine months to stand  
**Em A F#**  
And they worked on her from stem to stern  
**Bm G**  
But they could never see  
**F# Bm**  
It was their coffin to be  
**Em A F#**  
For the sea was waiting for their return

[Chorus]

**Bm F#**  
Yes, she ll always run silent  
**Em F#**  
And she ll always run deep  
**Emadd9 Bmadd9**  
Though the ocean has no pity  
**A F#**  
And the waves will never weep  
**Bmadd9**  
They ll never weep

[Verse 3]

**Bm G**  
On a cold Wednesday morn  
**F# Bm**  
They put her her out to sea  
**Em A F#**  
When the waves they were nine feet high  
**Bm G**  
And they dove neath the waves  
**F# Bm**  
And they dove to their graves  
**Em A F#**  
And they never said a last goodbye

**Bm G**  
And its deeper and deeper  
**F# Bm**  
And deeper they dove  
**Em A F#**

Just to see what their ship could stand

**Bm G**

But the hull gave a moan

**F# Bm**

And the hull gave a groan

**Em A F#**

And they plunged to the deepest darkest sand

**Bm G**

Now she lies in the depths

**F# Bm**

Of the darkened ocean floor

**Em A F#**

Covered by the waters cold and still

**Bm G**

Oh can't you see the wrong

**F# Bm**

She was a death ship all along

**Em A F#**

Died before she had a chance to kill

[Chorus]

**Bm F#**

And she'll never run silent

**Em F#**

And she'll never run deep

**Emadd9 Bmadd9**

For the ocean had no pity

**A F#**

And the waves, they never weep

**Bmadd9**

They never weep