

The Thresher
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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