

## Shipbuilding

*Elvis Costello***[Am] [C] [D] [D]****[Em]**Is it wo**[Em/D#]**rth it**[Em/D]**A new winter **[C#dim]**coat and shoes for the **[D]**wife**[Dm]**And a bicycle **[Cm7]**on the boy's birthda**[D]**yIt's just a rumour that was **[G]**spread around town**[C]**By the women and **[D]**childrenSoon we'll be **[G]**shipbuilding**[Em]**Well I **[Em/D#]**ask you**[Em/D]**The boy said "**[C#dim]**Dad they're going to make me **[D]**to task**[Dm]**But I'll be **[Cm7]**back by christma**[D]**s"It's just a rumour that was **[G]**spread around town**[Cmaj7]**Somebody said that **[D]**someone got filled in**[Cmaj7]**For saying that **[D]**people get killed in**[Cmaj7]**The result of **[D]**this shipbuilding**[G]****[nc]**With all the **[G7]**will in the worldDiving for **[Eb6]**dear life**[D]**When we could be **[G]**diving for pearls**[Em][Em/D#][Em/D][C#dim]****[D][Dm][Cm7]****[D]**It's just a rumour that was **[G]**spread around town**[Cmaj7]**A telegram or a **[D]**picture postcard**[Cmaj7]**Within weeks they'll be re-**[D]**opening the shipyards**[Cmaj7]**And notifying the **[D]**next of kin**[G]**Once againIt's all we're **[G7]**skilled inWe will be **[Eb6]**shipbuilding**[D][G]**With all the **[Gm]**will in the worldDiving for **[Eb6]**dear life**[D][D][D]****[D]**When we could be **[Em]**diving for pearls**[Em/D#][Em/D][C#dim]****[D][Dm][Cm7][D]**

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**[D][Cmaj7][D][G]**

It's all we're **[G7]**skilled in  
We will be **[Eb6]**shipbuilding**[D][G]**  
With all the **[Gm]**will in the world  
Diving for **[Eb6]**dear life**[D][D][D]**  
**[D]**When we could be **[D]**diving for pearls**[D][D]**  
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