Shipbuilding

Words & Music:
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Am   Am/G   D7/F#   D
Em   Em/D#   Em/D   C#dim   D   Dm
Is it worth it? A new winter coat and shoes for the wife?
Dm       Cm7       D
And a bicycle on the boy's birthday?
D         G
It's just a rumour that was spread around town
C        D                      G
By the women and children: soon we'll be shipbuilding

Well, I ask you, the boy said "Dad they're going to take me to task.
But I'll be back by Christmas."
It's just a rumour that was spread around town
CM7        D
Somebody said that someone got filled in
CM7       D       CM7       D       G
For saying that people get killed in the result of this shipbuilding.
G         G7
With all the will in the world,
   Eb6         D         G
Diving for dear life when we could be diving for pearls.

Em   Em/D#   Em/D   C#dim   D   Dm   Cm7
D           G       CM7        D
It's just a rumour that was spread around town; a telegram or a picture postcard
CM7       D
Within weeks they'll be re-opening the shipyards
CM7        D         G
And notifying the next of kin once again.
   G7       Eb6       D         G
It's all we're skilled in -- we will be shipbuilding
   Gm
With all the will in the world.
   Eb6         D         Em
Diving for dear life when we could be diving for pearls.

Em   Em/D#   Em/D   C#dim   D   Dm   Cm7   D
G   CM7        D   CM7   D   CM7   D   G
G/F#   G7       Eb6       D         G         Gm
It's all we're skilled in. We will be shipbuilding. With all the will in the world.
   Eb6       D
Diving for dear life when we could be diving for pearls.
D         Em
When we could be diving for pearls. When we could be diving for pearls.