

Elvis Costello & The Attractions

"Shipbuilding"

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Is it worth it

A new winter coat and shoes for the wife

And a bicycle on the boy's birthday

It's just a rumor that was spread around town

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 rumor that was spread around town

Somebody said that someone got filled in

For saying that people get killed in

The result of this shipbuilding

With all the will in the world

Diving for dear life

When we could be diving for pearls

It's just a rumor that was spread around town

A telegram or a picture postcard

Within weeks they'll be re-opening the shipyards

And notifying the next of kin, once again

It's all we're skilled in

We will be shipbuilding

With all the will in the world

Diving for dear life

When we could be diving for pearls

It's all we're skilled in

We will be shipbuilding

With all the will in the world

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