

Intro

G C D C D G G F# C D

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Verse

G

She went down last Oc - tober,

C - D G

In a pouring driving rain,

Am

The skipper he'd been drinking and

C

D

The mate he felt no pain,

G

Too close to Three Mile Rock and

C

G

She was dealt her mortal blow and

Am

D

The Mary Ellen Carter settled low.

G

There was just us five a - board her,

C

G

When she finally was a - wash,

Am

We worked like hell to save her,

C

D

All heedless of the cost, and

G

The groan she gave as she went down,

C

G

It caused us to pro - claim,

Am

D

G

That the Mary Ellen Carter would rise a - gain.

Break

G

Well the owners wrote her off,

C - D G

Not a nickel would they spend,

Am

"She gave twenty years of service, boys,

C

D

Then met her sorry end.

G

But in - surance paid the loss to us,

C

G

So let her rest be - low.",

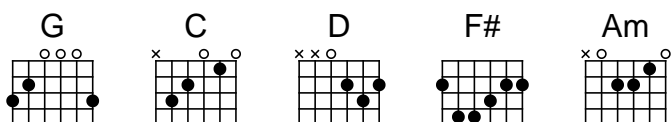
Am

Then they laughed at us, and,

D

Said we had to go.

Verse



<sup>G</sup>  
 But we talked of her all winter,  
<sup>C</sup> <sup>G</sup>  
 Some days around the clock.  
<sup>Am</sup>  
 She's worth a quarter million,  
<sup>C</sup> <sup>D</sup>  
 A - floating at the dock and  
<sup>G</sup>  
 With every jar that hit the bar,  
<sup>C</sup> <sup>G</sup>  
 We swore we would re - main and  
<sup>Am</sup> <sup>D</sup> <sup>G</sup>  
 Make the Mary Ellen Carter rise a - gain!  
*Chorus*  
<sup>Am - D</sup> <sup>G</sup>  
 Rise a - gain, rise a - gain,  
<sup>C</sup> <sup>C</sup>  
 That her name not be lost,  
<sup>G</sup> <sup>D</sup>  
 To the knowledge of men,  
<sup>G</sup>  
 All those who loved her best and  
<sup>C</sup> <sup>D</sup> <sup>G</sup>  
 Were with her 'til the end,  
<sup>Am</sup> <sup>D</sup> <sup>G</sup>  
 Will make the Mary Ellen Carter, rise a - gain.  
*Break*  
<sup>G</sup>  
 All spring now we've been with her,  
<sup>C - D</sup> <sup>G</sup>  
 On a barge lent by a friend.  
<sup>Am</sup>  
 Three dives a day in a hardhat suit, and  
<sup>C</sup> <sup>D</sup>  
 Twice I've had the bends.  
<sup>G</sup>  
 Thank God it's only sixty feet, and  
<sup>C</sup> <sup>G</sup>  
 The currents here are slow, or  
<sup>Am</sup>  
 I'd never have the strength,  
<sup>D</sup>  
 To go be - low.  
<sup>G</sup>  
 But we've patched her rents, stopped her vents,  
<sup>C</sup> <sup>G</sup>  
 Dogged hatch, and Portholes down,  
<sup>Am</sup>  
 Put cables to her, fore and aft and  
<sup>C</sup> <sup>D</sup>  
 Girded her a - round,  
<sup>G</sup>  
 To - morrow noon, we hit the air and

C G  
 Then take up the strain, and  
 Am D G  
 Make the Mary Ellen Carter rise a - gain!  
*Chorus*  
 Am - D G  
 Rise a - gain, rise a - gain,  
 C C  
 That her name not be lost,  
 G D  
 To the knowledge of men,  
 G  
 All those who loved her best and  
 C D G  
 Were with her 'til the end,  
 Am D G  
 Will make the Mary Ellen Carter, rise a - gain.  
*Break*  
 G  
 For we couldn't leave her there,  
 C - D G  
 You see to crumble into scale.  
 Am  
 She'd saved our lives, so many times,  
 C D  
 Living through the gale, and  
 G  
 The laughing, drunken rats,  
 C G  
 Who left her to a sorry grave,  
 Am D  
 They won't be laughing in another day, and  
 G C G  
 You, to whom ad - versity, has dealt the final blow,  
 Am  
 With smiling bastards lying to you,  
 C D  
 Everywhere you go,  
 G  
 Turn to, and put out all your strength,  
 C G  
 Of arm, and heart and brain, and  
 Am D G  
 Like the Mary Ellen Carter rise a - gain!  
*2nd Chorus*  
 Am D G  
 Rise a - gain, rise a - gain,  
 C C  
 Though your heart, it be broken, or  
 G D  
 Life about to end,  
 G  
 No matter what you've lost,

*C*      *D*      *G*  
 Be it a home, a love, a friend,  
      *Am*      *D*      *G*  
 Like the Mary Ellen Carter rise a - gain!  
      *Am*      *D*      *G*  
 Rise a - gain, rise a - gain,  
          *C*      *C*  
 Though your heart, it be broken, or  
*G*      *D*  
 Life about to end,  
      *G*  
 No matter what you've lost,  
      *C*      *D*      *G*  
 Be it a home, a love, a friend,  
      *Am*      *D*      *G*  
 Like the Mary Ellen Carter rise a - gain!  
 (Outro)