

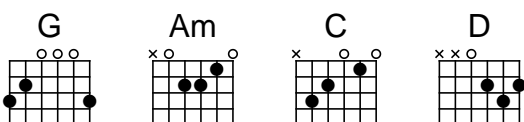
Intro

Verse

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
 That the Mary Ellen Carter would rise a - gain.

Break

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,



Said we had to go.

Verse

But we talked of her all winter,
 G
 Some days around the clock.
 C G
 She's worth a quarter million,
 Am
 A - floating at the dock and
 C D
 With every jar that hit the bar,
 G
 We swore we would re - main and
 C G
 Make the Mary Ellen Carter rise a - gain!

Chorus

Rise a - gain, rise a - gain,
 Am - D G
 That her name not be lost,
 C C
 To the knowledge of men,
 G D
 All those who loved her best and
 G
 Were with her 'til the end,
 C D G
 Will make the Mary Ellen Carter, rise a - gain.

Break

All spring now we've been with her,
 G
 On a barge lent by a friend.
 C - D G
 Three dives a day in a hardhat suit, and
 Am
 Twice I've had the bends.
 C D
 Thank God it's only sixty feet, and
 G
 The currents here are slow, or

Am
 I'd never have the strength,
D
 To go be - low.
G
 But we've patched her rents, stopped her vents,
C *G*
 Dogged hatch, and Portholes down,
Am
 Put cables to her, fore and aft and
C *D*
 Girded her a - round,
G
 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*
 You, to whom ad - versity, has dealt the final
G
 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)