

Intro: G C D C D G G F# C D

G C D G
 She went down last October, in a pouring driving rain,
 Am C D
 The skipper he'd been drinking and the mate he felt no pain,
 G C G
 Too close to Three Mile Rock and she was dealt her mortal blow and
 Am D
 The Mary Ellen Carter settled low.
 G C G
 There was just us five a-board her, when she finally was a-wash,
 Am C D
 We worked like hell to save her, all heedless of the cost, and
 G C G
 The groan she gave as she went down, it caused us to pro-claim,
 Am D G
 That the Mary Ellen Carter would rise a-gain. (Instrumental)
 G C D G
 Well the owners wrote her off, not a nickel would they spend,
 Am C D
 "She gave twenty years of service, boys, then met her sorry end.
 G C G
 But in-surance paid the loss to us, so let her rest be-low.",
 Am D
 Then they laughed at us, and, said we had to go.

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

First & Second Choruses:

Am - D G C G
 Rise a-gain, rise a-gain. That her name not be lost,
 Rise a-gain, rise a-gain, Though your heart, It be broken, or

(G) D G
 To the knowledge of men, all those who loved her best and
 Life about to end, No matter what you've lost,
 C D G Am D G
 Were with her 'til the end, will make the Mary Ellen Carter, rise a - gain.
 Be it a home, a love, a friend, Like the Mary Ellen Carter, rise a - gain!

G C D G
 All spring now we've been with her, on a barge lent by a friend.
 Am C D
 Three dives a day in a hardhat suit, and twice I've had the bends.
 G C G
 Thank God it's only sixty feet, and the currents here are slow, or
 Am D
 I'd never have the strength, to go be - low.
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 But we've patched her rents, stopped her vents,
 C G Am
 Dogged hatch, and Portholes down, put cables to her, fore and aft and
 C D G
 Girded her a - round, to - morrow noon, we hit the air and
 C G Am D G
 Then take up the strain, and make the Mary Ellen Carter rise a - gain!
 (First Chorus & Instrumental)

G C D G
 For we couldn't leave her there, you see, to crumble into scale.
 Am C D
 She'd saved our lives, so many times, living through the gale, and
 G C G
 The laughing, drunken rats, who left her to a sorry grave,
 Am D
 They won't be laughing in another day, and
 G C D G
 You, to whom adversity, has dealt the final blow,
 Am C D
 With smiling bastards lying to you, everywhere you go,
 G C G
 Turn to, and put out all your strength, of arm, and heart and brain, and
 Am D G
 Like the Mary Ellen Carter rise a - gain! (Second Chorus Twice)