

# Shipbuilding

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Is it worth it?  
A new winters coat and shoes for the wife  
And a bicycle on the boy's birthday  
It's just a rumour that was spread around town  
By the women and children, soon we'll be shipbuilding  
Well, I asked her  
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  
Somebody said that someone got filled in  
For saying that people get killed in

The results of their shipbuilding  
With all the will in the world  
Diving for dear lives  
When we could be diving for pearls  
It's just a rumour that was spread around town  
A telegram or a picture postcard  
Within weeks we'll be reopening the shipyard  
A notefying the next of kin once again  
Oh, it's all we're skilled in  
We will be shipbuilding  
With all the will in the world  
Diving for dear lives  
When we could be diving for pearls