

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