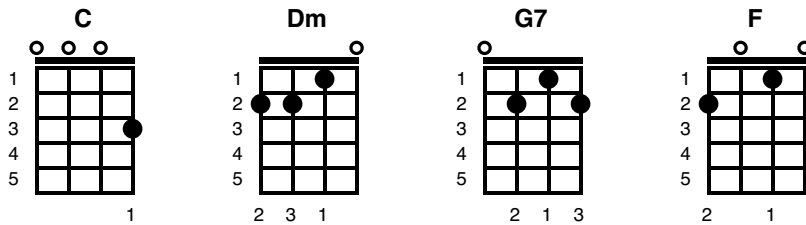


Mary Ellen Carter

Stan Rogers



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C

She went down last October,

Dm G7 C

In a pouring driving rain,

Dm

The skipper he'd been drinking and

F G7

The mate he felt no pain,

C

Too close to Three Mile Rock and

F C

She was dealt her mortal blow and

Dm G7 G7

The Mary Ellen Carter settled low

C

There was just us five aboard her,

F G7 C

When she finally was a-wash,

Dm

We worked like hell to save her,

F G7

All heedless of the cost, and

C

The groan she gave as she went down,

F C

It caused us to proclaim,

Dm G7 C C

That the Mary Ellen Carter would rise again!

Well the owners wrote her off,
Not a nickel would they spend,
"She gave twenty years of service, boys,
Then met her sorry end.
But insurance paid the loss to us,
So let her rest below."
Then they laughed at us and said we had to go

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

Chorus:

Rise again, rise again,
That her name not be lost,
To the knowledge of men,

C
All those who loved her best and
F G7 C
Were with her 'til the end,
Dm G7 C
Will make the Mary Ellen Carter, rise again!

C
All spring now we've been with her,
F G7 C
On a barge lent by a friend.
Dm
Three dives a day in a hardhat suit, and
F G7
Twice I've had the bends.
C
Thank God it's only sixty feet, and
F C
The currents here are slow, or
Dm G7
I'd never have the strength to go below.
C
But we've patched her rents, stopped her vents,
F G7 C
Dogged hatch, and portholes down,
Dm
Put cables to her fore and aft and
F G7
Girded her around,
C
Tomorrow noon, we hit the air and
F C
Then take up the strain, and
F G7 C
Make the Mary Ellen Carter rise again!

Chorus:

Dm G7 C
Rise again, rise again
F C G7
That her name not be lost to the knowledge of men
C F G7 C
All those that loved her best and were with her 'til the end
Dm G7 C
Will make the Mary Ellen Carter rise again!

C
For we couldn't leave her there,
F G7 C
You see to crumble into scale
m F
She'd saved our lives, so many times,
Dm G7
Living through the gale, and
C
The laughing, drunken rats,
F C
Who left her to a sorry grave,
Dm F G7
They won't be laughing in another day, and
C F G7 C
You, to whom adversity, has dealt the final blow,
Dm
With smiling bastards lying to you,
F G7
Everywhere you go,
C
Turn to and put out all your strength,
F C
Of arm, and heart and brain, and
Dm G7 C
Like the Mary Ellen Carter rise again!

Dm G7 C
Rise again, rise again

F C G7
Though your heart, it be broken, or life about to end,
 C
No matter what you've lost,
 F G7 C
Be it a home, a love, a friend,
 Dm G7 C
Like the Mary Ellen Carter, rise again!

 Dm G7 C
Rise again, rise again
 F C G7
Though your heart, it be broken, or life about to end
 C
No matter what you've lost,
 F G7 C
Be it a home, a love, a friend,
 Dm G7 C F C F C
Like the Mary Ellen Carter , rise again!