

# Shipbuilding

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Is it worth it?  
A new winter coat and shoes for the wife  
And a bicycle on the boy's birthday.

It's just a rumor that was spread around town  
By the women and children, soon we'll be shipbuilding

Well I ask you  
The boy said 'Dad, they're going to take me to task  
But I'll be home by Christmas.

It's just a rumor 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 life  
When we could be diving for pearls.

It's just a rumor that was spread around town  
A telegram for a picture postcard  
Within weeks they'll be reopening the shipyard  
And notifying the next of kin  
Once again.

It's all we're skilled in  
We will be shipbuilding.

With all the will in the world  
Diving for dear life  
When we could be diving for pearls.