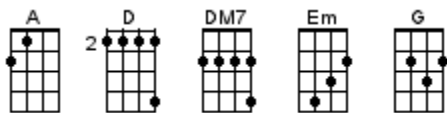


The Mary Ellen Carter

Stan Rogers 1979



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**[D] / [Dmaj7] / [G] / [A] /
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She **[D]** went down last Oc-**[Dmaj7]**tober in a **[G]** pouring **[A]** driving **[D]** rain
The **[Em]** skipper he'd been drinkin' and the **[G]** mate he felt no **[A]** pain
Too **[D]** close to Three Mile **[Dmaj7]** Rock and she was **[G]** dealt her mortal **[D]** blow
And the **[Em]** Mary Ellen Carter settled **[A]** low **[A]**

There was **[D]** just us five a-**[Dmaj7]**board her when she **[G]** finally **[A]** was a-**[D]**wash
We'd **[Em]** worked like hell to save her, all **[G]** heedless of the **[A]** cost
And the **[D]** groan she gave as **[Dmaj7]** she went down, it **[G]** caused us to pro-**[D]**claim
That the **[Em]** Mary Ellen **[A]** Carter would rise a-**[D]**gain / **[Dmaj7] / [G] / [A] /
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Well, the **[D]** owners wrote her **[Dmaj7]** off, not a **[G]** nickel **[A]** would they **[D]** spend
"She gave **[Em]** twenty years of service, boys, then **[G]** met her sorry **[A]** end
But in-**[D]**surance paid the **[Dmaj7]** loss to us, so **[G]** let her rest be-**[D]**low"
Then they **[Em]** laughed at us and said we had to **[A]** go **[A]**

But we **[D]** talked of her all **[Dmaj7]** winter, some **[G]** days a-**[A]**round the **[D]** clock
She's **[Em]** worth a quarter million, a-**[G]**float and at the **[A]** dock
And with **[D]** every jar that **[Dmaj7]** hit the bar we **[G]** swore we would re-**[D]**main
And make the **[Em]** Mary Ellen **[A]** Carter rise a-**[D]**gain **[D]**

Rise a-**[Em]**gain **[A]** rise a-**[D]**gain **[Dmaj7]**
That her **[G]** name not be lost to the **[D]** knowledge of **[A]** men
All **[D]** those who loved her **[Dmaj7]** best and were **[G]**↓ with her **[A]**↓ 'til the **[D]** end
Will make the **[Em]** Mary Ellen **[A]** Carter, rise a-**[D]**gain / **[Dmaj7] / [G] / [A] /
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All **[D]** spring now we've been **[Dmaj7]** with her on a **[G]** barge lent **[A]** by a **[D]** friend
Three **[Em]** dives a day in a hard-hat suit and **[G]** twice I've had the **[A]** bends
Thank **[D]** God it's only **[Dmaj7]** sixty feet and the **[G]** currents here are **[D]** slow
Or I'd **[Em]** never have the strength to go be-**[A]**low **[A]**

But we've **[D]** patched her rents **[Dmaj7]** stopped her vents
Dogged **[G]** hatch and **[A]** porthole **[D]** down
Put **[Em]** cables to her, 'fore and aft, and **[G]** girded her a-**[A]**round
To-**[D]**morrow, noon, we **[Dmaj7]** hit the air and **[G]** then take up the **[D]** strain
And make the **[Em]** Mary Ellen **[A]** Carter rise a-**[D]**gain **[D]**

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[D] / [Dmaj7] / [G] / [A]

For we [D] couldn't leave her [Dmaj7] there, you see, to [G] crumble [A] into [D] scale

She'd [Em] saved our lives so many times [G] living through the [A] gale

And the [D] laughing, drunken [Dmaj7] rats who left her [G] to a sorry [D] grave

They [Em] won't be laughing in another [A] day [A]

And [D] you, to whom ad-[Dmaj7]versity has [G] dealt the [A] final [D] blow

With [Em] smiling bastards lying to you [G] everywhere you [A] go

Turn [D] to, and put out [Dmaj7] all your strength of [G] arm and heart and [D] brain

And like the [Em] Mary Ellen [A] Carter, rise a-[D]gain [D]

Rise a-[Em]gain [A] rise a-[D]gain [Dmaj7]

Though your [G] heart, it be broken, and [D] life about to [A] end

No [D] matter what you've [Dmaj7] lost, be it a [G]↓ home, a [A]↓ love, a [D] friend

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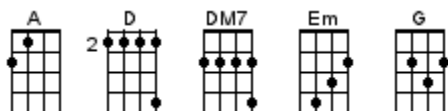
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