

The Mary Ellen Carter

Chords And Lyrics

By Stan Rogers

Intro – G-C-D-C-D---G-C-D-C-D-G ... G- G/Gb-C-D ... G – G/Gb-C-D

She went down last October in a pouring driving rain

The skipper he'd been drinking and the Mate he felt no pain

Too close to Three Mile Rock, and she was dealt her mortal blow

And the Mary Ellen Carter settled low

There were just us five aboard her when she finally was awash

We'd worked like hell to save her - all heedless of the cost

And the groan she gave as she went down it caused us to proclaim

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, they 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

For she's worth a quarter million, afloat and at the dock

And with every jar that hit the bar, we swore we would remain

And make the Mary Ellen Carter rise again

Am D G Em C
Rise again ---- rise again --- that her name not be lost
G D
To the knowledge of men
G G/Gb C D G
Those who loved her best -and were with her till the end
Am D G G/Gb C D G G/Gb C D
Will make the Mary Ellen Carter rise again

G G/Gb C D G
All spring now we've been with her on a barge lent by a friend
Am C D
Three dives a day in hard hat suit and twice I've had the bends
G G/Gb C G
Thank God it's only sixty feet and the currents here are slow
Am D
Or I'd never have the strength to go below
G G/Gb C D
But we've patched her rents, stopped her vents dogged hatch and porthole
G
down
Am C D
Put cables to her 'fore and aft and girded her around
G G/Gb C G
Tomorrow noon we hit the air and then take up the strain
Am D G
And make the Mary Ellen Carter rise again

Am D G Em C
Rise again ---- rise again --- that her name not be lost
G D
To the knowledge of men
G G/Gb C D G
Those who loved her best -and were with her till the end
Am D G G/Gb C D G G/Gb C D
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G G/Gb C D G
For we couldn't leave her there, you see to crumble into scale
Am C D
She'd saved our lives so many times, living through the gale

G G/Gb C G
And the laughing, drunken rats who left her to a sorry grave
 Am D
They won't be laughing in another day
 G G/Gb C D G
And you to whom adversity has dealt the final blow
 Am C D
With smiling bastards lying to you everywhere you go
 G G/Gb C G
Turn to and put out all your strength of arm and heart and brain
 Am D G
And like the Mary Ellen Carter, rise again

 Am D G Em C
Rise again --- rise again - though your heart it be broken
 G D
And life about to end
 G G/Gb C D G
No matter what you've lost, be it a home, a love, a friend
 Am D G
Like the Mary Ellen Carter, rise again Repeat this last ch

End with intro

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