

Intro

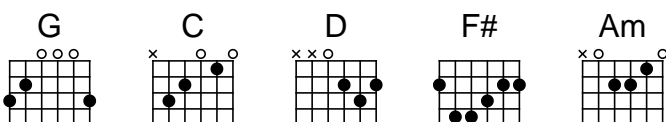
G C D C D G G F# C D

Verse

G
She went down last Oc - tober,
C D G
In a pouring driving rain,
Am
The skipper he'd been drinking and
C D
The mate he felt no pain,
G
Too close to Three Mile Rock and
C G
She was dealt her mortal blow and
Am D
The Mary Ellen Carter settled low.
G
There was just us five a - board her,
C G
When she finally was a - wash,
Am
We worked like hell to save her,
C D
All heedless of the cost, and
G
The groan she gave as she went down,
C G
It caused us to pro - claim,
Am D G
That the Mary Ellen Carter would rise a - gain.

Break

G
Well the owners wrote her off,
C D G
Not a nickel would they spend,
Am
"She gave twenty years of service, boys,
C D
Then met her sorry end.
G
But in - surance paid the loss to us,
C G
So let her rest be - low.",
Am
Then they laughed at us, and,
D
Said we had to go.



Verse

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 re - main and
Make the Mary Ellen Carter rise a - gain!

Chorus

Rise a - gain, rise a - gain,
That her name not be lost,
To the knowledge of men,
All those who loved her best and
Were with her 'til the end,
Will make the Mary Ellen Carter, rise a - gain.

Break

All spring now we've been with her,
On a barge lent by a friend.
Three dives a day in a hardhat suit, and
Twice I've had the bends.
Thank God it's only sixty feet, and
The currents here are slow, or
I'd never have the strength,
To go be - low.
But we've patched her rents, stopped her vents,
Dogged hatch, and Portholes down,
Put cables to her, fore and aft and
Girded her a - round,

G
To - morrow noon, we hit the air and
C *G*
Then take up the strain, and
Am *D* *G*
Make the Mary Ellen Carter rise a - gain!

Chorus

Am *D* *G*
Rise a - gain, rise a - gain,
C *C*
That her name not be lost,
G *D*
To the knowledge of men,
G
All those who loved her best and
C *D* *G*
Were with her 'til the end,
Am *D* *G*
Will make the Mary Ellen Carter, rise a - gain.

Break

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

2nd Chorus

Am *D* *G*
Rise a - gain, rise a - gain,
C *C*
Though your heart, it be broken, or
G *D*
Life about to end,

G
No matter what you've lost,
C D G
Be it a home, a love, a friend,
Am D G
Like the Mary Ellen Carter rise a - gain!
Am D G
Rise a - gain, rise a - gain,
C C
Though your heart, it be broken, or
G D
Life about to end,

G
No matter what you've lost,
C D G
Be it a home, a love, a friend,
Am D G
Like the Mary Ellen Carter rise a - gain!

Outro

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