

The Mary Ellen Carter

Chords and Lyrics by Stan Rogers

key:C, artist:Stan Rogers

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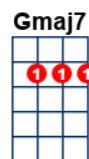
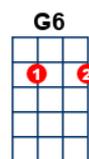
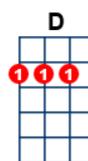
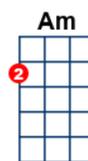
She **[G]**went down **[Gmaj7]**last October
in a **[C]**pouring **[D]**driving **[G]**rain
The **[Am]**skipper he'd been drinking
and the **[C]**Mate he felt no **[D]**pain
Too **[G]**close to Three Mile **[Gmaj7]**Rock,
and she was **[C]**dealt her mortal **[G]**blow
And the **[Am]**Mary Ellen Carter settled **[D]**low

There were **[G]**just us five a**[Gmaj7]**board her
when she **[C]**finally **[D]**was a**[G]**wash
We'd **[Am]**worked like hell to save her
all **[C]**heedless of the **[D]**cost
And the **[G]**groan she gave as **[Gmaj7]**she went down
it **[C]**caused us to pro**[G]**claim
That the **[C]**Mary Ellen **[D]**Carter'd
rise a**[G]**gain **[Gmaj7]** **[G6]** **[C]** **[D]**

Well the **[G]**owners wrote her **[Gmaj7]**off;
not a **[C]**nickel **[D]**would they **[G]**spend.
She gave **[Am]**twenty years of service boys
then **[C]**met her sorry **[D]**end
Insu**[G]**rance paid the **[Gmaj7]**loss and so
they **[C]**let her rest be**[G]**low
They **[Am]**laughed at us
and said we had to **[D]**go

But we **[G]**talked of her all **[Gmaj7]**winter,
some **[C]**days a**[D]**round the **[G]**clock
She's **[Am]**worth a quarter million,
a**[C]**float and at the **[D]**dock
And with **[G]**every jar that **[Gmaj7]**hit the bar,
we **[C]**swore we would re**[G]**main
And make the **[C]**Mary Ellen **[D]**Carter rise a**[G]**gain

Rise a**[Am]**gain **[D]**---- rise a**[G]**gain **[Em]**
that her **[C]**name not be lost to the **[G]**knowledge of **[D]**men
All **[G]**those who loved her **[Gmaj7]**best
and were **[C]**with her **[D]**till the **[G]**end
Will make the **[C]**Mary Ellen Car**[D]**ter
rise a**[G]**gain **[Gmaj7]** **[G6]** **[C]** **[D]**



All [G]spring now we've been [Gmaj7]with her
on a [C]barge lent [D]by a [G]friend
Three [Am]dives a day in hard hat suit
and [C]twice I've had the [D]bends
Thank [G]God it's only [Gmaj7]sixty feet
and the cur[C]rents here are [G]slow
Or I'd [Am]never have the strength to go be[D]low

But we've [G]patched her rents, [Gmaj7]stopped her vents
dogged [C]hatch and [D]porthole [G]down
Put [Am]cables to her 'fore and aft
and [C]girded her a[D]round
To[G]morrow noon we [Gmaj7]hit the air
and [C]then take up the [G]strain
And make the [C]Mary Ellen [D]Carter rise a[G]gain

Rise a[Am]gain [D]---- rise a[G]gain [Em]
that her [C]name not be lost
To the [G]knowledge of [D]men
All [G]those who loved her [Gmaj7]best
and were [C]with her [D]till the [G]end
Will make the [C]Mary Ellen [D]Carter
rise [G]again [Gmaj7] [G6] [C] [D]

For we [G]could not leave her [Gmaj7]there, you see
to [C]crumble [D]into [G]scale
She'd [Am]saved our lives so many times,
[C]living through the [D]gale
And the [G]laughing, drunken [Gmaj7]rats
who left her [C]to a sorry [G]grave
They [Am]won't be laughing in another [D]day

And [G]you to whom ad[Gmaj7]versity
has [C]dealt the [D]final [G]blow
With [Am]smiling bastards
lying to you [C]everywhere you [D]go
Turn [G]to and put out [Gmaj7]all your strength
of [C]arm and heart and [G]brain
And like the [C]Mary Ellen [D]Carter, rise [G]again

Rise [Am]again -[D]-- rise [G]again [Em]
though your [C]heart it be broken
And [G]life about to [D]end
No [G]matter what you've [Gmaj7]lost
be it a [C]home, a [D]love, a [G]friend
Like the [C]Mary Ellen [D]Carter, rise [G]again