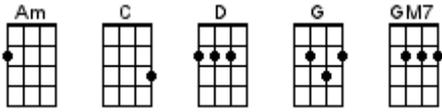


The Mary Ellen Carter by Stan Rogers



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[G] / [Gmaj7] / [C] / [D] /
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She **[G]** went down last Oc-**[Gmaj7]**tober in a **[C]** ↓ pouring **[D]** ↓ driving **[G]** rain
The **[Am]** skipper he'd been drinkin' 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 **[D]**

There was **[G]** just us five a-**[Gmaj7]** board her
When she **[C]** ↓ finally **[D]** ↓ was a-**[G]**wash
We **[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 **[Am]** Mary Ellen **[D]** Carter would rise a-**[G]**gain
[Gmaj7] [C] [D] [G] [Gmaj7] [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
But in-**[G]**surance paid the **[Gmaj7]** loss to us, so **[C]** let her rest be-**[G]**low"
Then they **[Am]** laughed at us and said we had to **[D]** go **[D]**

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 **[Am]** Mary Ellen **[D]** Carter rise a-**[G]**gain **[G]**

Rise a-**[Am]**gain **[D]** rise a-**[G]**gain **[Gmaj7]**
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]** ↓ 'til the **[G]** end
Will make the **[Am]** Mary Ellen **[D]** Carter, rise a-**[G]**gain
[Gmaj7] [C] [D] [G] [Gmaj7] [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 a hard-hat suit and **[C]** twice I've had the **[D]** bends
Thank **[G]** God it's only **[Gmaj7]** sixty feet and the **[C]** currents here are **[G]** slow
Or I'd **[Am]** never have the strength to go be-**[D]**low **[D]**

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 [Am] Mary Ellen [D] Carter rise a-[G]gain [G]

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For we [G] couldn't 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 [D]

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 [Am] Mary Ellen [D] Carter, rise a-[G]gain [G]

Rise a-[Am]gain [D] rise a-[G]gain [Gmaj7]
 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
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