Shipbuilding

Elvis Costello

Is it worth it?
A new winter coat and shoes for the wife
And a bicycle on the boy's birthdayIt's just a rumor that was spread around town
By the women and children
Soon we'll be shipbuildingWell, I ask you
The boy said, Dad, they're going to take me to task
But I'll be back by ChristmasIt's just a rumor that was spread around town
Somebody said that someone got filled in
For saying that people get killed in
The result of this shipbuildingWith all the will in the world
Diving for dear life
When we could be diving for pearlsIt's just a rumor that was spread around town
A telegram or a picture postcard
Within weeks, they'll be re-opening the shipyards
And notifying the next of kin, once againIt's all we're skilled in
We will be shipbuildingWith all the will in the world
Diving for dear life
When we could be diving for pearlsIt's all we're skilled in
We will be shipbuildingWith all the will in the world
Diving for dear life
When we could be diving for pearls
When we could be diving for pearlsWhen we could be diving for pearls

Lyrics provided by
https://damnlyrics.com/