

237. The Mary Ellen Carter

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4/4 time	Intro: [G] [C] [D] [G] [C] [D] [G]
Chords	She went [G] down last [G] October in a [C]// pourin' [D]// drivin' [G] rain The [Am] skipper he'd been [Am] drinkin' and the [C] mate he felt no [D] pain Too [G] close to Three Mile [G] Rock and she was [C] dealt her mortal [G] blow And the [Am] Mary Ellen [Am] Carter settled [D] low [D]
Am.....2000	There was [G] just us five [G] aboard her when she [C] finally was [G] awash
C.....0003	We [Am] worked like hell to [Am] save her all [C] heedless of the [D] cost
D.....2220	And the [G] groan she gave as [G] she went down, it [C] caused us to [G] proclaim That the [Am] Mary Ellen [D] Carter would rise [G] again [G]
G.....0232	[C] [D] [G] [G] [C] [D] Well the [G] owners wrote her [G] off, not a [C]// nickel [D]// would they [G] spend "She gave [Am] twenty years of [Am] service boys then [C] met her sorry [D] end But [G] insurance paid the [G] loss to us, so [C] let her rest [G] below" Then they [Am] laughed at us and [Am] said we had to [D] go [D] But we [G] talked of her all [G] winter, some [C] days around the [G] clock She's [Am] worth a quarter [Am] million, a [C] floatin' at the [D] dock And with [G] every jar that [G] hit the bar we [C] swore we would [G] remain And make the [Am] Mary Ellen [D] Carter rise [G] again [G] Rise [Am] again, [Am] rise [G] again [G] That her [C] name not be [C] lost to the [G] knowledge of [D] men All [G] those who loved her [G] best and were [C]! with her [D]! til the [G] end Will make the [Am] Mary Ellen [D] Carter, rise [G] again [G] [C] [D] [G] [G] [C] [D] All [G] Spring now we've been [G] with her on a [C]// barge lent [D]// by a [G] friend Three [Am] dives a day in a [Am] hardhat suit, and [C] twice I've had the [D] bends Thank [G] God it's only [G] sixty feet, and the [C] currents here are [G] slow Or I'd [Am] never have the [Am] strength to go [D] below [D] But we've [G] patched her rents, [G] stopped her vents, dogged [C] hatch and portholes [G] down Put [Am] cables to her [Am] fore and aft and [C] girded her [D] around [G] Tomorrow noon we [G] hit the air and [C] then take up the [G] strain And make the [Am] Mary Ellen [D] Carter rise [G] again [G] Rise [Am] again, [Am] rise [G] again [G] That her [C] name not be [C] lost to the [G] knowledge of [D] men All [G] those who loved her [G] best and were [C]! with her [D]! til the [G] end Will make the [Am] Mary Ellen [D] Carter, rise [G] again [G] [C] [D] [G] [G] [C] [D]

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Chords	
Am.....2000	And [G] you to whom [G] adversity has [C] dealt the final [G] blow With [Am] smilin' bastards [Am] lyin' to you [C] everywhere you [D] go Turn [G] to and put out [G] all your strength of [C] arm and heart and [G] brain And like the [Am] Mary Ellen [D] Carter rise [G] again [G]
C.....0003	
D.....2220	Rise [Am] again, [Am] rise [G] again [G] Though your [C] heart it be [C] broken or [G] life about to [D] end No [G] matter what you've [G] lost be it a [C]! home a [D]! love a [G] friend Like the [Am] Mary Ellen [D] Carter rise [G] again
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	<i>An inspirational message to people "to whom adversity has dealt the final blow". Never give up Rise again!</i>