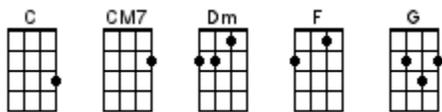


# The Mary Ellen Carter

Stan Rogers 1979



**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 /**

**[C] / [Cmaj7] / [F] / [G] /  
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She [C] went down last Oc-[Cmaj7]tober in a [F] pouring [G] driving [C] rain  
The [Dm] skipper he'd been drinkin' and the [F] mate he felt no [G] pain  
Too [C] close to Three Mile [Cmaj7] Rock and she was [F] dealt her mortal [C] blow  
And the [Dm] Mary Ellen Carter settled [G] low [G]

There was [C] just us five a-[Cmaj7]board her when she [F] finally [G] was a-[C]wash  
We [Dm] worked like hell to save her, all [F] heedless of the [G] cost  
And the [C] groan she gave as [Cmaj7] she went down, it [F] caused us to pro-[C]claim  
That the [Dm] Mary Ellen [G] Carter would rise a-[C]gain / [Cmaj7] / [F] / [G] /  
[C] / [Cmaj7] / [F] / [G]

Well, the [C] owners wrote her [Cmaj7] off, not a [F] nickel [G] would they [C] spend  
"She gave [Dm] twenty years of service, boys, then [F] met her sorry [G] end  
But in-[C]surance paid the [Cmaj7] loss to us, so [F] let her rest be-[C]low"  
Then they [Dm] laughed at us and said we had to [G] go [G]

But we [C] talked of her all [Cmaj7] winter, some [F] days a-[G]round the [C] clock  
She's [Dm] worth a quarter million, a-[F]float and at the [G] dock  
And with [C] every jar that [Cmaj7] hit the bar we [F] swore we would re-[C]main  
And make the [Dm] Mary Ellen [G] Carter rise a-[C]gain [C]

Rise a-[Dm]gain [G] rise a-[C]gain [Cmaj7]  
That her [F] name not be lost to the [C] knowledge of [G] men  
All [C] those who loved her [Cmaj7] best and were [F]↓ with her [G]↓ 'til the [C] end  
Will make the [Dm] Mary Ellen [G] Carter, rise a-[C]gain / [Cmaj7] / [F] / [G] /  
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All [C] spring, now, we've been [Cmaj7] with her on a [F] barge lent [G] by a [C] friend  
Three [Dm] dives a day in a hard-hat suit and [F] twice I've had the [G] bends  
Thank [C] God it's only [Cmaj7] sixty feet and the [F] currents here are [C] slow  
Or I'd [Dm] never have the strength to go be-[G]low [G]

But we've [C] patched her rents [Cmaj7] stopped her vents  
Dogged [F] hatch and [G] porthole [C] down  
Put [Dm] cables to her, 'fore and aft, and [F] girded her a-[G]round  
To-[C]morrow, noon, we [Cmaj7] hit the air and [F] then take up the [C] strain  
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For we [C] couldn't leave her [Cmaj7] there, you see, to [F] crumble [G] into [C] scale

She'd [Dm] saved our lives so many times [F] living through the [G] gale

And the [C] laughing, drunken [Cmaj7] rats who left her [F] to a sorry [C] grave

They [Dm] won't be laughing in another [G] day [G]

And [C] you, to whom ad-[Cmaj7]versity has [F] dealt the [G] final [C] blow

With [Dm] smiling bastards lying to you [F] everywhere you [G] go

Turn [C] to, and put out [Cmaj7] all your strength of [F] arm and heart and [C] brain

And like the [Dm] Mary Ellen [G] Carter, rise a-[C]gain [C]

Rise a-[Dm]gain [G] rise a-[C]gain [Cmaj7]

Though your [F] heart, it be broken, and [C] life about to [G] end

No [C] matter what you've [Cmaj7] lost, be it a [F]↓ home, a [G]↓ love, a [C] friend

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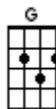
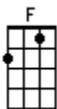
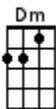
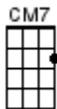
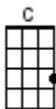
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