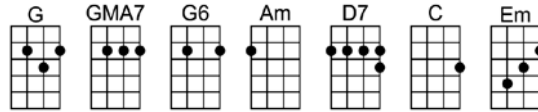


THE MARY ELLEN CARTER - Stan Rogers



Intro: G GMA7 G6 GMA7 (X2)

G GMA7 G6 G
 She went down last Oc-tober in a pouring driving rain.
Am C D7
 The skipper, he'd been drinking and the Mate, he felt no pain.
G GMA7 G6 G
 Too close to Three Mile Rock, and she was dealt her mortal blow,
Am D7
 And the Mary Ellen Carter settled low.
G GMA7 G6 G
 There was just us five a-board her when she finally was a-wash.
Am C D7
 We'd worked like hell to save her, all heedless of the cost.
G GMA7 G6 G
 And the groan she gave as she went down, it caused us to pro-claim
Am D7 G GMA7 G6 GMA7
 That the Mary Ellen Carter would rise a-gain.

G GMA7 C G
 Well, the owners wrote her off; not a nickel would they spend.
Am C D7
 She gave twenty years of service, boys, then met her sorry end.
G GMA7 C G
 But in-surance paid the loss to us, so let her rest be-low.
Am D7
 Then they laughed at us and said we had to go.
G GMA7 C G
 But we talked of her all winter, some days around the clock,
Am C D7
 She's worth a quarter million, a-floatin' at the dock.
G GMA7 C D7 G
 And with every jar that hit the bar, we swore we would re-main
Am D7 G
 And make the Mary Ellen Carter rise a-gain.

Am D7 G Em C G D7
 Rise a-gain, rise a-gain, that her name not be lost to the knowledge of men.
G GMA7 C D7 G
 All those who loved her best, and were with her till the end
Am D7 G GMA7 G6 GMA7 (X2)
 Will make the Mary Ellen Carter rise a-gain.

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G GMA7 C G
All spring, now, we've been with her on a barge lent by a friend.

Am C D7
Three dives a day in hard hat suit and twice I've had the bends.

G GMA7 C G
Thank God it's only sixty feet and the currents here are slow

Am D7
Or I'd never have the strength to go be-low.

G GMA7 C G
But we've patched her rents, stopped her vents, dogged hatch and porthole down.

Am C D7
Put cables to her, 'fore and aft and girded her a-round.

G GMA7 C D7 G
To-morrow, noon, we hit the air and then take up the strain.

Am D7 G
And make the Mary Ellen Carter Rise A-gain.

Am D7 G Em C G D7
Rise a-gain, rise a-gain, that her name not be lost to the knowledge of men.

G GMA7 C D7 G
All those who loved her best, and were with her till the end
Am D7 G GMA7 G6 GMA7 (X2)
Will make the Mary Ellen Carter rise a-gain.

G GMA7 C G
For we couldn't leave her there, you see, to crumble into scale.

Am C D7
She'd saved our lives so many times, living through the gale

G GMA7 C G
And the laughing, drunken rats who left her to a sorry grave

Am D7
They won't be laughing in another day

G GMA7 C G
And you, to whom ad-versity has dealt the final blow

Am C D7
With smiling bastards lying to you everywhere you go

G GMA7 C D7 G
Turn to, and put out all your strength of arm and heart and brain

Am D7 G
And like the Mary Ellen Carter, rise a-gain.

Am D7 G Em C G D7
Rise a-gain, rise a-gain though your heart it be broken, and life about to end

G GMA7 C D7 G
No matter what you've lost, be it a home, a love, a friend.

Am D7 G Am D7 G
Like the Mary Ellen Carter, rise a-gain. Just like the Mary Ellen Carter, rise a-gain.