THE MARY ELLEN CARTER (BAR)-Stan Rogers

Intro: G GMA7 G6 GMA7 (X2)

G                             GMA7        G6                       G
She went down last Oc-to-ber 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.