

# Robert Wyatt, Shipbuilding

Is it worth it?

A new winter coat and shoes for the wife  
And a bicycle on the boy's birthday  
It's just a rumour that was spread around town  
By the women and children  
Soon we'll be shipbuilding

Well I ask you

The boy said, "Dad they're going to take me to task  
But I'll be back by Christmas"  
It's just a rumour that was spread around town  
Somebody said that someone got killed in  
For saying that people get killed  
in the result of this shipbuilding

With all the will in the world  
Diving for dear life  
When we could be diving for pearls

It's just a rumour that was spread around town  
A telegram or a picture-postcard  
Within weeks they'll be re-opening the shipyard  
And notifying the next of kin - once again

It's all we're skilled in  
We will be shipbuilding

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