

Fill in the gaps

Dead in the water		
It's not a (1) vacation		
The sons and daughters		
Of city (2)	attend demonstrations	
It's hardly a sink or swim		
When all is well if the ticket sells		
Out with a whimper		
It's not a blaze of glory		
You look down from your temple		
As people endeavor to make it a story		
And (3) a marble word		
But all is lost if it's never heard		
But I've got (4)	to (5) reports	
That tell me how my money's spent		
To book my stays and draw my plans		
So I can't tell what's really there		
And all I need's a (6)	_ big:	
Congratulations		
I'll keep vour dreams		

You pay (/)	for me
As (8)	_ as it seems
I'd rather dissolve than have you ignore me	
The (9)	may be moving fast
But I tied my boots to a broken mast	
The (10)	is clear
You throw it in your cauldron	
Rust and veneer	
Dusk and dawn Steinways and Baldwins	
You start with a simple stock of all the waste	
And salt to taste	
But damn my luck and damn these friends	
That keep on combing back their smiles	
I save my grace with half-assed guilt	
And lay down the quilt	upon the lawn
Spread my arms and soak up:	
Congratulations	



- 1. paid
- 2. officials
- 3. chisel
- 4. someone
- 5. make
- 6. great
- 7. attention
- 8. strange
- 9. ground
- 10. difference

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