

Dead in the water

Fill in the gaps

It's not a (1) vacation	
The sons and daughters	
Of city officials (2) 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 (3) endeavor to make it a story	
And chisel a marble word	
But all is lost if it's never heard	
But I've got someone to make reports	
That (4) me how my money's spent	
To book my stays and (5) my plans	
So I can't (6) what's (7)	there
And all I need's a great big:	
Congratulations	
I'll (8) your dreams	

You pay attention for me
As strange as it seems
I'd rather dissolve than (9) you (10)
me
The (11) may be (12) fast
But I tied my boots to a broken mast
The difference is clear
You (13) it in (14) cauldron
Rust and veneer
Dusk and dawn Steinways and Baldwins
You (15) with a simple (16) of all
the waste
And salt to taste
But (17) my luck and damn (18)
friends
That keep on combing back (19) smiles
I save my (20) with half-assed guilt
And lay (21) the quilt (22) the lawn
Spread my (23) and (24) up:
Congratulations



- 1. paid
- 2. attend
- 3. people
- 4. tell
- 5. draw
- 6. tell
- 7. really
- 8. keep
- 9. have
- 10. ignore
- 11. ground
- 12. moving
- 13. throw
- 14. your
- 15. start
- 16. stock
- 17. damn
- 18. these
- 19. their
- 20. grace
- 21. down
- 22. upon
- 23. arms
- 24. soak

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