

Dead in the water

It's not a paid vacation

The sons and daughters

Of city officials 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 chisel a marble word

But all is lost if it's never heard

But I've got (1)_____ to make reports

That (2)_____ 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 great big:

Congratulations

I'll keep your dreams

Fill in the gaps

You pay attention for me As strange as it seems I'd rather dissolve than have you ignore me The ground may be moving fast But I tied my boots to a broken mast The difference is clear You throw it in your cauldron Rust and veneer Dusk and dawn Steinways and Baldwins ____ with a simple stock of all the waste You (3)___ And salt to taste But damn my (4)_____ and damn these friends That keep on combing back their smiles I save my (5)_____ with half-assed guilt And lay down the quilt (6)_____ the lawn

Spread my (7)_____ and soak up:

Congratulations



Fill in the gaps

- 1. someone
- 2. tell
- 3. start
- 4. luck
- 5. grace
- 6. upon
- 7. arms