

Dead in the water It's not a paid vacation The sons and daughters Of city officials attend demonstrations It's hardly a (1)_____ or swim When all is well if the ticket sells Out with a whimper It's not a (2)_____ of glory You (3)_____ 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 someone to make reports That tell me how my money's spent To book my stays and draw my plans So I can't (4)_____ 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 (5) than have you ignore me
The ground may be (6) fast
But I (7) 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
You start with a simple stock of all the waste
And salt to taste
But (8) my luck and damn these friends
That (9) 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. sink
- 2. blaze
- 3. look
- 4. tell
- 5. dissolve
- 6. moving
- 7. tied
- 8. damn
- 9. keep

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