

Dead in the water

Fill in the gaps

It's not a paid vacation
The (1) 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 (2) 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 tell what's really there
And all I need's a great big:
Congratulations
I'll keep your dreams

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 (3) my boots to a broken mast
The difference is clear
You throw it in your cauldron
Rust and veneer
Dusk and (4) (5) and
Baldwins
You start (6) a (7) stock of all the
waste
And salt to taste
But damn my luck and damn (8) friends
That keep on combing back their smiles
I save my grace with half-assed guilt
And lay down the quilt (9) the lawn
Spread my arms and soak up:
Congratulations



- 1. sons
- 2. endeavor
- 3. tied
- 4. dawn
- 5. Steinways
- 6. with
- 7. simple
- 8. these
- 9. upon

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