

Dead in the water
It's not a (1) vacation
The sons and daughters
Of city officials attend demonstrations
It's hardly a sink or swim
When all is well if the (2) sells
Out with a whimper
It's not a blaze of glory
You look (3) 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 (5) 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 (6) you ignore me
The ground may be moving fast
But I tied my boots to a broken mast
The difference is clear
You (7) it in your cauldron
Rust and veneer
Dusk and (8) Steinways and Baldwins
You start with a simple (9) of all the wast
And salt to taste
But damn my luck and damn (10) 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. ticket
- 3. down
- 4. tell
- 5. great
- 6. have
- 7. throw
- 8. dawn
- 9. stock
- 10. these

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