

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 _____ to make it a story As people (1)___ And chisel a marble word But all is lost if it's (2)_____ heard But I've got (3)_____ to make reports That tell me how my money's spent To (4)_____ my stays and draw my plans So I can't tell what's (5)_____ 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 it seems As (6)_ 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 You start with a simple stock of all the waste And salt to taste But (7)_____ my luck and damn these friends That keep on combing back (8)_____ 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. endeavor
- 2. never
- 3. someone
- 4. book
- 5. really
- 6. strange
- 7. damn
- 8. their

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