

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 (1)_____ from (2)____ temple

As people endeavor to make it a story

And chisel a marble word

But all is (3)_____ if it's never heard

But I've got someone to make reports

That (4)_____ me how my money's spent

To book my stays and draw my plans

So I can't (5)_____ what's really there

And all I need's a great big:

Congratulations

I'll keep your dreams

Fill in the gaps

Congratulations

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 (6)_ 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 (7)_____ to taste But damn my luck and damn these friends That keep on combing back their smiles I save my (8)_____ with half-assed guilt And lay (9)_____ the quilt (10)____ the lawn Spread my arms and soak up:



- 1. down
- 2. your
- 3. lost
- 4. tell
- 5. tell
- 6. difference
- 7. salt
- 8. grace
- 9. down
- 10. upon

Fill in the gaps