

Dead in the water It's not a paid vacation The sons and daughters Of city officials attend demonstrations It's (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (2) your temple As (3)\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

## Fill in the gaps

You pay attention for me As (5)\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ as it seems I'd (6)\_\_\_\_\_ dissolve than (7)\_\_\_\_\_ you ignore me The ground may be moving fast But I tied my (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ a simple stock of all the waste And salt to taste But damn my luck and damn these friends That (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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. hardly
- 2. from
- 3. people
- 4. draw
- 5. strange
- 6. rather
- 7. have
- 8. boots
- 9. with
- 10. keep

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