

Fill in the gaps

Dead in the water
It's not a paid vacation
The sons and daughters
Of city officials attend demonstrations
It's hardly a (1) or swim
When all is well if the ticket sells
Out with a whimper
It's not a (2) of glory
You (3) down (4) your temple
As people endeavor to make it a story
And (5) a marble word
But all is lost if it's (6) heard
But I've got someone to make reports
That (7) me how my money's spent
To (8) my stays and draw my plans
So I can't tell what's (9) there
And all I need's a great big:
Congratulations
I'll (10) (11) dreams

As strange as it seems
l'd (13) dissolve (14)
(15) you (16) me
The ground may be (17) fast
But I tied my (18) 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 (19) to taste
But damn my luck and damn these friends
That keep on combing back their smiles
I (20) my (21) with half-assed guilt
And lay down the (22) (23) the lawn
Spread my arms and soak up:
Congratulations



- 1. sink
- 2. blaze
- 3. look
- 4. from
- 5. chisel
- 6. never
- 7. tell
- 8. book
- 9. really
- 10. keep
- 11. your
- 12. attention
- 13. rather
- 14. than
- 15. have
- 16. ignore
- 17. moving
- 18. boots
- 19. salt
- 20. save
- 21. grace
- 22. quilt
- 23. upon

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