

## Dead in the water It's not a paid vacation The (1)\_\_\_\_\_ and daughters Of city officials attend demonstrations It's (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 As people endeavor to make it a story And (3)\_\_\_\_\_ a marble word But all is lost if it's never heard But I've got someone to (4)\_\_\_\_ \_\_ reports That tell me how my money's spent To book my stays and draw my plans So I can't tell what's really there And all I need's a (5)\_\_\_\_\_ big:

Congratulations

I'll (6)\_\_\_\_\_ your dreams

## Fill in the gaps

Vou nay attention for me

Tou pay attention for the	
As strange as it seems	
I'd rather dissolve than have you (7)	me
The ground may be moving fast	
But I tied my boots to a broken mast	
The (8) 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 damn my luck and damn these friends	
That keep on combing back their smiles	
I save my (9) with half-assed guilt	
And lay down the quilt upon the lawn	
Spread my arms and soak up:	
Congratulations	



- 1. sons
- 2. hardly
- 3. chisel
- 4. make
- 5. great
- 6. keep
- 7. ignore
- 8. difference
- 9. grace

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