

# Treading Water

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Rats can tread water for three days  
Not sure how it was discovered or how they measure  
Legs kicking, arms thrashing to stay above the waves

Struggling to stay afloat the pressure on my chest weighs  
I can tread water like this for months maybe longer  
Rats can tread water for three days

Tomorrow is the same as yesterday when today fades  
Popping back up, now sinking down under  
Legs kicking, arms thrashing to stay above the waves

A fit of fights over and over on the screen plays  
Having trouble speaking, mouth fills sinking deeper  
Dirty rats tread water for three days

Can't see the shore, still any bit of hope saves  
Breathtaking, the taking of breath is murder  
Legs kicking, arms thrashing can't stay above the waves

At least there's this and perseverance pays  
It can't be like this forever, soon it will get better  
Some rats tread water for three days  
Legs stopping, arms resting sink under the waves

