

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

