

Thank God for my submarine pay.  
How do the "skimmers" manage?



1967 a BLACK year for Pay !  
NO INCREASE



1967

but lots of debts ..story of  
your



life?

.....!

In the **BLACK** is nice, but fleeting  
And all too quickly changes when meeting  
The cost of our life style, married or single  
With few coins left in our pockets to jingle.

Then the colour changes to **GREY** well known to mean 'uncertain' bets  
That even the few coins we have are assets or debts  
So we tighten our belts and look to our savings  
Bemoaning our lot and our pay whilst retaining our cravings.

When the piggy-bank is empty but the needs are still there  
We still go ashore with or without a care  
And although now at **RED** when we should stop  
We borrow a rubber, half a bar, to buy our pop.

Then it is pay day, what a relief  
All debts are settled and there is a belief  
That this month things will be different and debt free  
How right you are matey because the ship is due for a month at sea.

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