**Republic Steel**

Driven into shallow waters

by forces that vowed to protect it

it beached itself

After years of growth and development

soaring through uncharted waters

and now this

The divine leviathan

lay there unable

to turn back

to the waters from which it came

Blinking slower

Breathing strained

By Monday it was over

Heads hung at lunch counters

And on the evening news

“shame”

They said

“belly up”

When it was over

The crowd dissipated

The smell faded

Vultures picked off the rest

And that was left were bones