

_____ night Pistol (1)_____ ring out in the (2)_ Enter Patty Valentine from the upper hall. She sees the bartender in a pool of blood, Cries out, 'My God, they've killed them all!' Here comes the story of the Hurricane, The man the authorities came to blame For somethin' that he never done. Put in a prison cell, but one time he could-a been The (3)_____ of the world. Three bodies lyin' (4)_____ does Patty see And (5)_____ man named Bello, movin' around mysteriously. 'I didn't do it,' he says, and he throws up his hands 'I was (6)_____ robbin' the register, I hope you understand. I saw them leavin',' he says, and he stops 'One of us had better call up the cops.' And so Patty calls the cops And they arrive on the scene with their red lights flashin' In the hot New Jersey night. Meanwhile, far away in another (7)_____ of town Rubin Carter and a couple of friends are drivin' around. Number one contender for the middleweight crown Had no idea what kinda shit was about to go down When a cop pulled him over to the side of the road Just like the time before and the time before that. In Paterson that's just the way things go. If you're black you might as well not show up on the street 'Less you wanna draw the heat. Alfred Bello had a partner and he had a rap for the cops. Him and Arthur (8)_____ Bradley were just out prowlin' around



He said, 'I saw two men runnin' out, they looked like middleweights

They jumped into a (9)_____ car with out-of-state plates.'

And Miss Patty Valentine just nodded her head.

Cop said, 'Wait a minute, boys, this one's not dead'

- So they (10) him to the infirmary
- And though this man could hardly see
- They (11)_____ him (12)_____ he could identify the guilty men.
- Four in the mornin' and they haul Rubin in,

Take him to the (13)_____ and they bring him upstairs.

The wounded man looks up through his one dyin' eye

Says, 'Wha'd you bring him in here for? He ain't the guy!'

- Yes, here's the story of the Hurricane,
- The man the authorities came to blame
- For somethin' (14)_____ he never done.
- Put in a prison cell, but one time he could-a been
- The champion of the world.
- Four months later, the ghettos are in flame,
- Rubin's in South America, fightin' for his name
- While Arthur Dexter Bradley's still in the robbery game
- And the cops are puttin' the screws to him, lookin' for somebody to blame.
- 'Remember (15)_____ murder that happened in a bar?'
- 'Remember you said you saw the getaway car?'
- 'You think you'd like to play ball with the law?'
- 'Think it might-a been that fighter that you saw runnin' (16)_____ night?'
- 'Don't forget that you are white.'
- Arthur (17)_____ Bradley said, 'I'm really not sure.'
- Cops said, 'A poor boy like you could use a break
- We got you for the motel job and we're talkin' to your friend Bello
- Now you don't wanta have to go back to jail, be a nice fellow.
- You'll be doin' society a favor.



Fill in the gaps

We want to put his ass in stir	
We want to pin this triple murder on him	
He ain't no Gentleman Jim.'	
Rubin (18) (19) a man out with just one punch	
But he never did like to talk about it all that much.	
It's my work, he'd say, and I do it for pay	
And when it's over I'd just as soon go on my way	
Up to some paradise	
Where the trout streams flow and the air is nice	
And ride a horse along a trail.	
But then they took him to the (20) house	
Where they try to (21) a man into a mouse.	
All of Rubin's cards were marked in advance	
The trial was a pig-circus, he never had a chance.	
The judge made Rubin's witnesses drunkards (22) the slums	
To the white folks who (23) he was a revolutionary bum	
And to the black folks he was just a crazy nigger.	
No one doubted that he pulled the trigger.	
And though they could not (24) the gun,	
The D.A. said he was the one who did the deed	
And the all-white jury agreed.	
Rubin Carter was falsely tried.	
The crime was murder 'one,' guess who testified?	
Bello and (25) and (26) both (27)	lied
And the newspapers, they all went along for the ride.	
How can the life of such a man	
Be in the palm of some fool's hand?	
To see him obviously framed	
Couldn't help but make me (28) ashamed to live in a land	



Fill in the gaps

Where justice is a game.

Now all the criminals in (29) coats and their ties

Are free to drink martinis and watch the sun rise

While Rubin sits like Buddha in a ten-foot cell

An innocent man in a living hell.

That's the story of the Hurricane,

But it won't be over till they clear his name

And give him back the time he's done.

Put in a prison cell, but one time he could-a been

The champion of the world.



- 1. shots
- 2. barroom
- 3. champion
- 4. there
- 5. another
- 6. only
- 7. part
- 8. Dexter
- 9. white
- 10. took
- 11. told
- 12. that
- 13. hospital
- 14. that
- 15. that
- 16. that
- 17. Dexter
- 18. could
- 19. take
- 20. jail
- 21. turn
- 22. from
- 23. watched
- 24. produce
- 25. Bradley
- 26. they
- 27. baldly
- 28. feel
- 29. their

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