



## Fill in the gaps

### Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol shots ring out in the barroom night

Enter Patty Valentine from the (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ to blame

For somethin' that he never done.

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

The champion of the world.

Three bodies lyin' there does Patty see

And another man named Bello, movin' around mysteriously.

'I didn't do it,' he says, and he (3)\_\_\_\_\_ up his hands

'I was only robbin' the register, I (4)\_\_\_\_\_ you understand.

I saw (5)\_\_\_\_\_ leavin',' he says, and he stops

'One of us had better call up the cops.'

And so (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 part 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ (10)\_\_\_\_\_ were just out prowlin' around



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He said, 'I saw two men runnin' out, they (11)\_\_\_\_\_ like middleweights

They jumped into a white 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 took him to the infirmary

And though this man could (12)\_\_\_\_\_ see

They told him that he could identify the guilty men.

Four in the mornin' and they haul Rubin in,

Take him to the hospital and (13)\_\_\_\_\_ bring him upstairs.

The wounded man looks up through his one dyin' eye

Says, 'Wha'd you (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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' (15)\_\_\_\_\_ he (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (17)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 that murder that happened in a bar?'

'Remember you said you saw the (18)\_\_\_\_\_ car?'

'You think you'd like to play ball with the law?'

'Think it might-a been that fighter that you saw runnin' that night?'

'Don't forget that you are white.'

Arthur Dexter 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.



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That sonofabitch is brave and gettin' braver.

We want to put his ass in stir

We want to pin (19)\_\_\_\_\_ triple murder on him

He ain't no (20)\_\_\_\_\_ Jim.'

Rubin (21)\_\_\_\_\_ take 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ they took him to the jail house

Where they try to (24)\_\_\_\_\_ a man (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (26)\_\_\_\_\_ from the slums

To the white folks who watched 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 produce 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,' (27)\_\_\_\_\_ who testified?

Bello and Bradley and they both baldly lied

And the newspapers, they all went along for the ride.

How can the life of such a man

Be in the (28)\_\_\_\_\_ of some fool's hand?

To see him obviously framed

Couldn't (29)\_\_\_\_\_ but make me feel ashamed to live in a land



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Where justice is a game.

Now all the criminals in their coats and their ties

Are (30)\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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The champion of the world.



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### Answer

1. upper
2. came
3. throws
4. hope
5. them
6. Patty
7. about
8. just
9. Dexter
10. Bradley
11. looked
12. hardly
13. they
14. bring
15. that
16. never
17. South
18. getaway
19. this
20. Gentleman
21. could
22. over
23. then
24. turn
25. into
26. drunkards
27. guess
28. palm
29. help
30. free