



Fill in the gaps

Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol shots ring out in the barroom night

Enter Patty Valentine from the upper hall.

She sees the bartender in a pool of blood,

Cries out, 'My God, they've (1)_____ 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 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 throws up his hands

'I was (2)_____ 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 (3)_____ calls the cops

And they arrive on the scene with their red lights flashin'

In the hot New (4)_____ 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 about to go down

When a cop pulled him over to the side of the road

Just (5)_____ 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 (6)_____ draw the heat.

Alfred Bello had a partner and he had a rap for the cops.

Him and Arthur Dexter Bradley were (7)_____ out prowlin' around



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

They jumped into a white car with out-of-state plates.'

And (8)_____ 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 hardly see

They told him that he could identify the (9)_____ men.

Four in the mornin' and (10)_____ haul Rubin in,

Take him to the hospital 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' that 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 (11)_____ game

And the cops are puttin' the screws to him, lookin' for somebody to blame.

'Remember that murder (12)_____ 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' 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 (13)_____ friend Bello

Now you don't (14)_____ 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 this triple murder on him

He ain't no Gentleman Jim.'

Rubin (15)_____ take a man out (16)_____ 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 (17)_____ him to the jail house

Where they try to turn a man (18)_____ 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 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 (19)_____ could not produce the gun,

The D.A. said he was the one who did the deed

And the all-white jury agreed.

Rubin (20)_____ was falsely tried.

The crime was murder 'one,' guess who testified?

Bello and Bradley and they (21)_____ baldly lied

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

How can the (22)_____ of such a man

Be in the palm of some fool's hand?

To see him obviously framed

Couldn't (23)_____ but make me feel ashamed to live in a land



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Where justice is a game.

Now all the criminals in (24)_____ 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 (25)_____ man in a living hell.

That's the story of the Hurricane,

But it won't be over till (26)_____ 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 (27)_____ of the world.



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Answer

1. killed
2. only
3. Patty
4. Jersey
5. like
6. wanna
7. just
8. Miss
9. guilty
10. they
11. robbery
12. that
13. your
14. wanta
15. could
16. with
17. took
18. into
19. they
20. Carter
21. both
22. life
23. help
24. their
25. innocent
26. they
27. champion