



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 killed them all!'

Here comes the story of the Hurricane,

The man the authorities came to blame

For somethin' (1)_____ he (2)_____ done.

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

The champion of the world.

Three bodies lyin' (3)_____ does Patty see

And another man (4)_____ Bello, movin' around mysteriously.

'I didn't do it,' he says, and he throws up his hands

'I was only 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 (5)_____ 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 (6)_____ 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 (7)_____ the time before and the (8)_____ 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 (9)_____ had a partner and he had a rap for the cops.

Him and (10)_____ Dexter Bradley were just 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 Miss Patty Valentine just nodded her head.

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

So they (11)_____ him to the infirmary

And though this man (12)_____ hardly see

They told him that he could identify the (13)_____ men.

Four in the mornin' and they 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 (14)_____ 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 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 getaway car?'

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

'Think it might-a been (15)_____ fighter that you saw runnin' that night?'

'Don't (16)_____ 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 (17)_____ 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 (18)_____ and gettin' braver.

We want to put his ass in stir

We want to pin this (19)_____ murder on him

He ain't no Gentleman Jim.'

Rubin could (20)_____ 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 (21)_____ and the air is nice

And ride a horse along a trail.

But then they took him to the jail house

Where they try to turn 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 from the slums

To the (22)_____ folks who watched he was a revolutionary bum

And to the black folks he was just a crazy nigger.

No one doubted that he (23)_____ the trigger.

And (24)_____ 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,' guess who testified?

Bello and Bradley and they both (25)_____ lied

And the newspapers, (26)_____ all went (27)_____ 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 feel ashamed to live in a land



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Where justice is a game.

Now all the criminals in their coats and (28)_____ ties

Are free to drink martinis and watch the sun rise

While Rubin (29)_____ 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.



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Answer

1. that
2. never
3. there
4. named
5. calls
6. middleweight
7. like
8. time
9. Bello
10. Arthur
11. took
12. could
13. guilty
14. here
15. that
16. forget
17. your
18. brave
19. triple
20. take
21. flow
22. white
23. pulled
24. though
25. baldly
26. they
27. along
28. their
29. sits