



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 came to blame

For somethin' that he (2)_____ 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 (3)_____ 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 Patty calls the cops

And they arrive on the (6)_____ 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 (8)_____ crown

Had no idea what kinda shit was (9)_____ 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 Dexter Bradley (10)_____ just out prowlin' around



Fill in the gaps

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

They (11)_____ (12)_____ a white car with out-of-state plates.'

And Miss Patty Valentine just nodded her head.

Cop said, 'Wait a minute, boys, (13)_____ 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 guilty men.

Four in the mornin' and they haul (14)_____ 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 (15)_____ 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 (16)_____ 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 (17)_____ 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 (18)_____ Bello

Now you don't wanta have to go (19)_____ to jail, be a nice fellow.

You'll be doin' society a favor.



Fill in the gaps

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 (20)_____ Jim.'

Rubin could take a man out with just one punch

But he never did like to talk (21)_____ it all that much.

It's my work, he'd say, and I do it for pay

And (22)_____ 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 jail house

Where they try to (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ 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 (25)_____ 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,' guess who testified?

Bello and Bradley and they (26)_____ baldly 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 feel ashamed to live in a land



Fill in the gaps

Where justice is a game.

Now all the criminals in their 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 (27)_____ of the Hurricane,

But it won't be over till they (28)_____ 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.



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. upper
2. never
3. only
4. hope
5. them
6. scene
7. part
8. middleweight
9. about
10. were
11. jumped
12. into
13. this
14. Rubin
15. never
16. think
17. really
18. friend
19. back
20. Gentleman
21. about
22. when
23. turn
24. made
25. just
26. both
27. story
28. clear