



Fill in the gaps

Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol shots ring out in the barroom night

Enter Patty Valentine (1)_____ the upper hall.

She sees the (2)_____ 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 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 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 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 (3)_____ 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 (4)_____ him over to the (5)_____ of the road

Just like the time before and the time (6)_____ that.

In (7)_____ that's just the way (8)_____ 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 were just out prowlin' around



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

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

And Miss (10)_____ 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 (11)_____ he could identify the guilty men.

Four in the mornin' and they haul Rubin in,

Take him to the hospital and (12)_____ (13)_____ 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 (14)_____ 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 (15)_____ are in flame,

Rubin's in South America, fightin' for his name

While Arthur Dexter Bradley's still in the (16)_____ 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 (17)_____ (18)_____ 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 (19)_____ 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 could take a man out (20)_____ 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 (21)_____ 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 (22)_____ 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 (23)_____ folks who watched he was a revolutionary bum

And to the black folks he was (24)_____ a crazy nigger.

No one doubted that he (25)_____ the trigger.

And though they could not produce the gun,

The D.A. (26)_____ 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 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 (27)_____ 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 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 (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 (29)_____ of the world.



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Answer

1. from
2. bartender
3. Carter
4. pulled
5. side
6. before
7. Paterson
8. things
9. into
10. Patty
11. that
12. they
13. bring
14. came
15. ghettos
16. robbery
17. ball
18. with
19. sonofabitch
20. with
21. soon
22. they
23. white
24. just
25. pulled
26. said
27. some
28. clear
29. champion