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 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 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 (2)_____ of town

Rubin Carter and a couple of friends are drivin' around.

Number one contender for the middleweight crown

Had no (3)_____ (4)_____ kinda shit was about to go down

When a cop pulled him (5)_____ to the side of the road

Just like the time before and the time before that.

In Paterson that's (6)_____ the way things go.

If you're (7)_____ you (8)_____ 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

Fill in the gaps

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

They (9)_____ (10)_____ a white car with out-of-state plates.'

And (11)_____ 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 (12)_____ him that he could (13)_____ the guilty 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 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 robbery game

And the cops are puttin' the screws to him, lookin' for (14)_____ to blame.

'Remember that murder that happened in a bar?'

'Remember you (15)_____ 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 (16)_____ boy like you could use a break

We got you for the motel job and we're talkin' to your (17)_____ Bello

Now you don't wanta have to go back to jail, be a nice fellow.

You'll be doin' (18)_____ a favor.

Fill in the gaps

That sonofabitch is brave and gettin' braver.

We (19)_____ 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 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 (20)_____ as soon go on my way

Up to (21)_____ paradise

Where the trout streams (22)_____ 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 white folks who (23)_____ he was a revolutionary bum

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

No one doubted that he pulled the trigger.

And though (25)_____ could not (26)_____ 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 (27)_____ 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 (28)_____ man in a living hell.

That's the story of the Hurricane,

But it won't be (29)_____ till they clear his name

And give him back the time he's done.

Put in a (30)_____ cell, but one time he could-a been

The champion of the world.

Fill in the gaps

Answer

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24. folks
25. they
26. produce
27. baldly
28. innocent
29. over
30. prison