Fill in the gaps

Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol shots ring out in the (1)_____ night

Enter Patty Valentine from 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 (3)_____ 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 (4)_____ call up the cops.'

And so Patty (5)_____ the cops

And they (6)_____ on the scene with their red lights flashin'

In the hot New (7)_____ night.

Meanwhile, far away in another (8)_____ of town

Rubin Carter and a (9)_____ 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 like the time before and the time before that.

In Paterson that's just the way (10)_____ go.

If you're black you might as (11)_____ not show up on the street

'Less you (12)_____ draw the heat.

Alfred (13)_____ had a partner and he had a rap for the cops.

Him and Arthur (14)_____ Bradley were just out prowlin' around

Fill in the gaps

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 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 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 (15)_____ he could-a been

The champion of the world.

Four (16)_____ later, the ghettos are in flame,

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

While Arthur Dexter Bradley's (17)_____ 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 that fighter that you saw runnin' that night?'

'Don't forget (18)_____ 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.

Fill in the gaps

That sonofabitch is brave 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 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 just as soon go on my way

Up to some paradise

Where the trout (20)_____ (21)_____ and the air is nice

And (22)_____ 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 (23)_____ had a chance.

The judge (24)_____ Rubin's witnesses drunkards from the slums

To the white folks who watched he was a (25)_____ bum

And to the (26)_____ folks he was just a crazy nigger.

No one doubted that he pulled the trigger.

And though they could not (27)_____ 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 (28)_____ (29)_____ 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 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.

Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. barroom
2. bartender
3. time
4. better
5. calls
6. arrive
7. Jersey
8. part
9. couple
10. things
11. well
12. wanna
13. Bello
14. Dexter
15. time
16. months
17. still
18. that
19. triple
20. streams
21. flow
22. ride
23. never
24. made
25. revolutionary
26. black
27. produce
28. both
29. baldly