



Fill in the gaps

Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol shots ring out in the barroom night

Enter Patty Valentine (1)_____ the upper hall.

She (2)_____ the (3)_____ in a pool of blood,

Cries out, 'My God, they've killed them all!'

Here comes the story of the Hurricane,

The man the (4)_____ came to blame

For somethin' that he never done.

Put in a (5)_____ cell, but one time he could-a been

The (6)_____ 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 (7)_____ 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 (8)_____ in another part of town

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

Number one (9)_____ for the middleweight crown

Had no idea (10)_____ kinda shit was about to go down

When a cop (11)_____ 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 were just out prowlin' around



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He said, 'I saw two men runnin' out, (12)_____ looked like middleweights

They (13)_____ 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 (14)_____ identify the guilty men.

Four in the mornin' and (15)_____ 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 (16)_____ 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 (17)_____ 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 (18)_____ 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 (19)_____ 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 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 with just one punch

But he (20)_____ 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 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 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 (21)_____ made Rubin's witnesses drunkards from the slums

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

And to the black (23)_____ he was just 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 (24)_____ agreed.

Rubin Carter was falsely tried.

The crime was murder 'one,' guess who testified?

Bello and (25)_____ and they both baldly lied

And the newspapers, they all (26)_____ 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



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Where justice is a game.

Now all the criminals in their coats and (27)_____ 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 (28)_____ clear his name

And give him (29)_____ 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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1. from
2. sees
3. bartender
4. authorities
5. prison
6. champion
7. throws
8. away
9. contender
10. what
11. pulled
12. they
13. jumped
14. could
15. they
16. here
17. think
18. Bradley
19. your
20. never
21. judge
22. revolutionary
23. folks
24. jury
25. Bradley
26. went
27. their
28. they
29. back