



## Fill in the gaps

### You Can Call Me Al by Paul Simon

A man walks down the street  
He says, Why am I soft in the middle now?  
Why am I soft in the middle?  
When the (1)\_\_\_\_\_ of my (2)\_\_\_\_\_ is so hard!  
I need a photo-opportunity  
I (3)\_\_\_\_\_ a shot at redemption  
Don't want to end up a cartoon  
In a (4)\_\_\_\_\_ graveyard  
Bonedigger, Bonedigger,  
Dogs in the moonlight  
Far away, my well-lit door  
Mr. Beerbelly, Beerbelly  
Get these mutts away from me!  
You know, I don't find this stuff amusing anymore  
If you'll be my bodyguard  
I can be your long lost pal  
I can call you Betty  
And Betty, when you (5)\_\_\_\_\_ me  
You can (6)\_\_\_\_\_ me Al  
A man (7)\_\_\_\_\_ down the street  
He says, Why am I (8)\_\_\_\_\_ of attention?  
Got a (9)\_\_\_\_\_ little span of attention  
And whoa, my nights are so long!  
Where's my (10)\_\_\_\_\_ and family?  
What if I die here?  
Who'll be my role-model?  
Now that my role-model is  
Gone, gone  
He ducked back (11)\_\_\_\_\_ the alley  
With some roly-poly, (12)\_\_\_\_\_ bat-faced girl  
All along, along

There were incidents and accidents  
There were hints and allegations  
If you'll be my bodyguard  
I can be your (13)\_\_\_\_\_ (14)\_\_\_\_\_ pal  
I can call you Betty  
And Betty, when you (15)\_\_\_\_\_ me  
You can (16)\_\_\_\_\_ me Al  
Call me Al  
A man (17)\_\_\_\_\_ (18)\_\_\_\_\_ the street  
It's a (19)\_\_\_\_\_ in a strange world  
Maybe it's the Third World  
Maybe it's his (20)\_\_\_\_\_ (21)\_\_\_\_\_ around  
He doesn't speak the language  
He holds no currency  
He is a foreign man  
He is (22)\_\_\_\_\_ by the sound, sound  
Cattle in the marketplace  
Scatterlings and orphanages  
He looks around, around  
He sees angels in the architecture  
Spinning in infinity  
He says, Amen! and Hallelujah!  
If you'll be my bodyguard  
I can be your (23)\_\_\_\_\_ lost pal  
I can call you Betty  
And Betty, (24)\_\_\_\_\_ you (25)\_\_\_\_\_ me  
You can (26)\_\_\_\_\_ me Al  
You can call me Al  
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Answer

1. rest
2. life
3. want
4. cartoon
5. call
6. call
7. walks
8. short
9. short
10. wife
11. down
12. little
13. long
14. lost
15. call
16. call
17. walks
18. down
19. street
20. first
21. time
22. surrounded
23. long
24. when
25. call
26. call

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