Fill in the gaps

Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol shots ring out in the barroom night

Enter Patty (1)_____ from the upper hall.

She sees the bartender in a (2)_____ 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 (3)_____ 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 (4)_____ 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 (5)_____ with their red lights flashin'

In the hot New Jersey night.

Meanwhile, far away in another part of town

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

Number one contender for the middleweight crown

Had no idea what kinda shit was (6)_____ 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 things go.

If you're black you (7)_____ 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 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 (8)_____ (9)_____ in,

Take him to the hospital and they bring him upstairs.

The wounded man (10)_____ 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 somebody to blame.

'Remember that murder that happened in a bar?'

'Remember you said you saw the getaway car?'

'You think you'd (11)_____ to play ball with the law?'

'Think it might-a been that fighter (12)_____ 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' (13)_____ a favor.

Fill in the gaps

That sonofabitch is brave and gettin' braver.

We (14)_____ 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 (15)_____ 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 (16)_____ 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 judge made Rubin's witnesses drunkards from the slums

To the white folks who watched he was a revolutionary bum

And to the black folks he was just a crazy nigger.

No one doubted that he pulled the trigger.

And (17)_____ they could not produce the gun,

The D.A. said he was the one who did the deed

And the all-white jury agreed.

Rubin (18)_____ was falsely tried.

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

Bello and Bradley and they both baldly lied

And the newspapers, they all (19)_____ along for the ride.

How can the life of (20)_____ a man

Be in the palm of some fool's hand?

To see him obviously framed

Couldn't help but (21)_____ me feel (22)_____ 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 (23)_____ to drink martinis and watch the sun rise

While Rubin sits like Buddha in a ten-foot cell

An (24)_____ man in a (25)_____ hell.

That's the story of the Hurricane,

But it won't be over (26)_____ they (27)_____ his name

And give him (28)_____ 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. Valentine
2. pool
3. never
4. throws
5. scene
6. about
7. might
8. haul
9. Rubin
10. looks
11. like
12. that
13. society
14. want
15. that
16. trout
17. though
18. Carter
19. went
20. such
21. make
22. ashamed
23. free
24. innocent
25. living
26. till
27. clear
28. back