



Fill in the gaps

Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol shots ring out in the barroom night

Enter Patty Valentine from the (1)_____ 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 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 (3)_____ 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 (4)_____ what (5)_____ shit was about to go down

When a cop pulled him over to the (6)_____ 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 (7)_____ up on the street

'Less you (8)_____ 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, they looked (9)_____ middleweights

They jumped into a white car with out-of-state plates.'

And Miss (10)_____ Valentine just nodded her head.

Cop said, 'Wait a minute, boys, this one's not dead'

So they (11)_____ him to the infirmary

And though this man (12)_____ hardly see

They (13)_____ 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 (14)_____ to blame

For somethin' (15)_____ he never done.

Put in a prison cell, but one time 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 still in the (17)_____ 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 (18)_____ that fighter that you saw runnin' that night?'

'Don't forget that you are white.'

Arthur (19)_____ 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 (20)_____ 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 (21)_____ to put his ass in stir

We want to pin (22)_____ 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 (23)_____ 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 judge made Rubin's witnesses (24)_____ from the slums

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

And to the black folks 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 jury agreed.

Rubin Carter was falsely tried.

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

Bello and Bradley and they (26)_____ baldly lied

And the newspapers, they all went along for the ride.

How can the life of (27)_____ 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 their ties

Are free to drink martinis and watch the sun rise

While (28)_____ 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 (29)_____ 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.



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Answer

1. upper
2. bartender
3. lights
4. idea
5. kinda
6. side
7. show
8. wanna
9. like
10. Patty
11. took
12. could
13. told
14. came
15. that
16. months
17. robbery
18. been
19. Dexter
20. back
21. want
22. this
23. just
24. drunkards
25. revolutionary
26. both
27. such
28. Rubin
29. till