



## Fill in the gaps

### Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol shots ring out in the barroom night

Enter Patty (1)\_\_\_\_\_ from the upper hall.

She (2)\_\_\_\_\_ the bartender 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ up his hands

'I was only robbin' the register, I hope you understand.

I saw (4)\_\_\_\_\_ leavin',' he says, and he stops

'One of us had better call up the cops.'

And so Patty calls the cops

And (5)\_\_\_\_\_ arrive on the scene with their red lights flashin'

In the hot New Jersey night.

Meanwhile, far away in (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 about to go down

When a cop pulled him over to the (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ as well not (9)\_\_\_\_\_ up on the street

'Less you wanna (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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,

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Four months later, the ghettos are in flame,

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

While (13)\_\_\_\_\_ Dexter Bradley's (14)\_\_\_\_\_ in the robbery game

And the (15)\_\_\_\_\_ are puttin' the screws to him, lookin' for somebody to blame.

'Remember that murder that happened in a bar?'

'Remember you (16)\_\_\_\_\_ you saw the getaway car?'

'You think you'd (17)\_\_\_\_\_ to play (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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.



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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 never did like to talk about it all (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ streams flow and the air is nice

And ride a horse along a trail.

But then they took him to the (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ had a chance.

The judge made Rubin's witnesses drunkards from the slums

To the white folks who (23)\_\_\_\_\_ he was a revolutionary bum

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

No one doubted (24)\_\_\_\_\_ he pulled the trigger.

And though they could not produce the gun,

The D.A. (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 both baldly lied

And the newspapers, they all went (26)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (27)\_\_\_\_\_ ashamed to (28)\_\_\_\_\_ in a land



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Where justice is a game.

Now all the criminals in their coats and (29)\_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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The champion of the world.



## Answer

1. Valentine
2. sees
3. throws
4. them
5. they
6. another
7. side
8. might
9. show
10. draw
11. looked
12. that
13. Arthur
14. still
15. cops
16. said
17. like
18. ball
19. that
20. trout
21. jail
22. never
23. watched
24. that
25. said
26. along
27. feel
28. live
29. their

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