



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 (3)_____ 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 (4)_____ flashin'

In the hot New Jersey night.

Meanwhile, far away in another (5)_____ of town

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

Number one (6)_____ for the (7)_____ crown

Had no idea what kinda shit was (8)_____ to go down

When a cop (9)_____ him over to the side of the road

Just like the time (10)_____ 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, they (11)_____ like middleweights

They (12)_____ 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 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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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 (13)_____ you saw the getaway car?'

'You think 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 (14)_____ said, 'I'm (15)_____ not sure.'

Cops said, 'A (16)_____ 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 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 (17)_____ him to the jail house

Where (18)_____ 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 (19)_____ 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 (20)_____ agreed.

Rubin Carter was falsely tried.

The crime was (21)_____ 'one,' guess who testified?

Bello and Bradley and they both (22)_____ lied

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

How can the life of (23)_____ a man

Be in the palm of some fool's hand?

To see him obviously framed

Couldn't (24)_____ but (25)_____ 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 (26)_____ (27)_____ 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 (28)_____ they clear his name

And give him (29)_____ the time he's done.

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Answer

1. upper
2. bartender
3. another
4. lights
5. part
6. contender
7. middleweight
8. about
9. pulled
10. before
11. looked
12. jumped
13. said
14. Bradley
15. really
16. poor
17. took
18. they
19. folks
20. jury
21. murder
22. baldly
23. such
24. help
25. make
26. drink
27. martinis
28. till
29. back