



Fill in the gaps

Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol shots ring out in the barroom night

Enter Patty Valentine (1)_____ the (2)_____ hall.

She sees the bartender in a pool of blood,

Cries out, 'My God, they've killed them all!'

Here (3)_____ the story of the Hurricane,

The man the authorities came to blame

For somethin' that he never done.

Put in a (4)_____ cell, but one time he could-a been

The champion of the world.

Three bodies lyin' there does (5)_____ see

And another man (6)_____ Bello, movin' around mysteriously.

'I didn't do it,' he says, and he throws up his hands

'I was only robbin' the register, I (7)_____ you understand.

I saw them leavin',' he says, and he stops

'One of us had (8)_____ call up the cops.'

And so Patty calls the cops

And they (9)_____ on the scene 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 about to go down

When a cop (10)_____ him over to the side of the road

Just like the time before and the time before that.

In Paterson that's (11)_____ 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 (12)_____ 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, (13)_____ looked (14)_____ 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 (15)_____ the guilty men.

Four in the mornin' and they haul Rubin in,

Take him to the hospital and (16)_____ 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 came to blame

For somethin' that he (17)_____ 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 (18)_____ 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 been that fighter that you saw runnin' that night?'

'Don't (19)_____ that you are white.'

Arthur Dexter Bradley said, 'I'm really not sure.'

Cops said, 'A poor boy (20)_____ 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 (21)_____ Jim.'

Rubin could take a man out with just one punch

But he never did like to talk (22)_____ 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 (23)_____ and the air is nice

And ride a (24)_____ 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 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 (25)_____ was falsely tried.

The crime was murder 'one,' (26)_____ who testified?

Bello and (27)_____ and they both baldly lied

And the newspapers, they all went (28)_____ 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 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 Rubin sits like Buddha in a ten-foot cell

An innocent man in a (29)_____ 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.

Put in a prison cell, but one time he could-a been

The champion of the world.



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Answer

1. from
2. upper
3. comes
4. prison
5. Patty
6. named
7. hope
8. better
9. arrive
10. pulled
11. just
12. Bello
13. they
14. like
15. identify
16. they
17. never
18. screws
19. forget
20. like
21. Gentleman
22. about
23. flow
24. horse
25. Carter
26. guess
27. Bradley
28. along
29. living