



Fill in the gaps

Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol shots ring out in the barroom night

Enter Patty Valentine from the upper hall.

She sees 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' (1)_____ he never done.

Put in a (2)_____ 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 (4)_____ part of town

Rubin Carter and a couple of (5)_____ are drivin' around.

Number one contender for the (6)_____ crown

Had no idea what kinda shit was about 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 (7)_____ 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 (8)_____ out prowlin' around



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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, (9)_____ one's not dead'

So they took him to the infirmary

And (10)_____ this man (11)_____ (12)_____ see

They told him that he could identify the (13)_____ 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 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 (14)_____ 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 like to play ball (15)_____ 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 (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 (17)_____ a man out with just one punch

But he never did like to (18)_____ 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 (19)_____ 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 (20)_____ 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 (21)_____ Rubin's witnesses drunkards from the slums

To the white folks who watched he was a (22)_____ bum

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

No one doubted (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ was falsely tried.

The (25)_____ was murder 'one,' guess who testified?

Bello and Bradley and they both baldly lied

And the newspapers, they all went along 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 (26)_____ in a land



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Where justice is a game.

Now all the criminals in their (27)_____ 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 living hell.

That's the story of the Hurricane,

But it won't be over till (28)_____ clear his name

And (29)_____ 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. that
2. prison
3. lights
4. another
5. friends
6. middleweight
7. things
8. just
9. this
10. though
11. could
12. hardly
13. guilty
14. South
15. with
16. poor
17. take
18. talk
19. just
20. jail
21. made
22. revolutionary
23. that
24. Carter
25. crime
26. live
27. coats
28. they
29. give