



Fill in the gaps

Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol shots (1)_____ out in the (2)_____ night

Enter Patty Valentine from the upper hall.

She sees the (3)_____ in a pool of blood,

Cries out, 'My God, they've (4)_____ 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 lights 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 contender for the middleweight 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 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 looked (6)_____ 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 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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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 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 (7)_____ to blame.

'Remember that murder that happened in a bar?'

'Remember you (8)_____ you saw the getaway car?'

'You think you'd like to play ball (9)_____ 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 (10)_____ job and we're talkin' to your friend Bello

Now you don't wanta (11)_____ to go back to jail, be a (12)_____ 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 (13)_____ (14)_____ on him

He ain't no Gentleman Jim.'

Rubin (15)_____ 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 (16)_____ it's over I'd (17)_____ as soon go on my way

Up to (18)_____ paradise

Where the trout streams flow and the air is nice

And ride a (19)_____ along a trail.

But (20)_____ they took him to the jail house

Where they try to turn a man into a mouse.

All of Rubin's (21)_____ 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 (22)_____ bum

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

No one doubted that he (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ agreed.

Rubin Carter was falsely tried.

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

Bello and Bradley and they (25)_____ baldly lied

And the newspapers, they all went (26)_____ for the ride.

How can the (27)_____ 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



Fill in the gaps

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 (28)_____ 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. ring
2. barroom
3. bartender
4. killed
5. part
6. like
7. somebody
8. said
9. with
10. motel
11. have
12. nice
13. triple
14. murder
15. could
16. when
17. just
18. some
19. horse
20. then
21. cards
22. revolutionary
23. pulled
24. jury
25. both
26. along
27. life
28. living
29. till