



Fill in the gaps

Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol (1)_____ ring out in the barroom night

Enter (2)_____ 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' that he never done.

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

The champion of the world.

Three (3)_____ 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 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 side of the road

Just like the (4)_____ 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 (5)_____ 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 (6)_____ 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 (7)_____ (8)_____ see

They told him that he could identify the guilty men.

Four in the mornin' and they (9)_____ 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 (10)_____ 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 (11)_____ car?'

'You think you'd like to play ball (12)_____ 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 (13)_____ 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 (14)_____ 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 (15)_____ 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 (16)_____ had a chance.

The judge made Rubin's witnesses drunkards from the slums

To the (17)_____ folks who watched he was a revolutionary bum

And to the black folks he was (18)_____ a crazy nigger.

No one doubted (19)_____ he (20)_____ the trigger.

And though (21)_____ could not produce the gun,

The D.A. said he was the one who did the deed

And the all-white jury agreed.

Rubin Carter was falsely tried.

The crime was (22)_____ 'one,' (23)_____ who testified?

Bello and Bradley and they both baldly lied

And the newspapers, (24)_____ all went along for the ride.

How can the (25)_____ of such a man

Be in the palm of some fool's hand?

To see him obviously framed

Couldn't help but make me (26)_____ 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 (27)_____ sits like Buddha in a ten-foot cell

An innocent man in a living hell.

That's the (28)_____ of the Hurricane,

But it won't be over till they clear his name

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

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The champion of the world.



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Answer

1. shots
2. Patty
3. bodies
4. time
5. Bello
6. looked
7. could
8. hardly
9. haul
10. still
11. getaway
12. with
13. motel
14. when
15. took
16. never
17. white
18. just
19. that
20. pulled
21. they
22. murder
23. guess
24. they
25. life
26. feel
27. Rubin
28. story
29. give