



Fill in the gaps

Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol (1)_____ ring out in the barroom night

Enter Patty Valentine from the upper hall.

She (2)_____ the bartender in a pool of blood,

Cries out, 'My God, they've (3)_____ 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 (4)_____ their red lights flashin'

In the hot New Jersey night.

Meanwhile, far away in another part of town

Rubin Carter and a (5)_____ 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 (6)_____ Bradley (7)_____ just out prowlin' around



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He said, 'I saw two men runnin' out, they looked (8)_____ middleweights

They jumped into a white car with out-of-state plates.'

And Miss Patty Valentine (9)_____ 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 (10)_____ the guilty men.

Four in the mornin' and they haul Rubin in,

Take him to the hospital and they bring him upstairs.

The (11)_____ 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 (12)_____ 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 somebody to blame.

'Remember that murder (13)_____ 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 (14)_____ fighter that you saw runnin' that night?'

'Don't forget that you are white.'

Arthur Dexter (15)_____ said, 'I'm really not sure.'

Cops said, 'A poor boy like you (16)_____ use a break

We got you for the motel job and we're talkin' to your friend Bello

Now you don't wanta (17)_____ 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 (18)_____ 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 (19)_____ and the air is nice

And ride a horse 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 (20)_____ 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 (21)_____ not produce the gun,

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

And the all-white jury agreed.

Rubin (22)_____ was falsely tried.

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

Bello and Bradley and they (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ ashamed to (25)_____ in a land



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Where justice is a game.

Now all the (26)_____ 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 living 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 (27)_____ of the world.



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Answer

1. shots
2. sees
3. killed
4. with
5. couple
6. Dexter
7. were
8. like
9. just
10. identify
11. wounded
12. time
13. that
14. that
15. Bradley
16. could
17. have
18. never
19. flow
20. folks
21. could
22. Carter
23. both
24. feel
25. live
26. criminals
27. champion