



Fill in the gaps

Hurricane by Bob Dylan

Pistol shots ring out in the barroom night

Enter (1)_____ 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 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 (2)_____ up the cops.'

And so Patty calls the cops

And they arrive on the scene with (3)_____ red lights flashin'

In the hot New Jersey night.

Meanwhile, far away in another part of town

Rubin (4)_____ 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 (5)_____ 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 like middleweights

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

And Miss (6)_____ Valentine just (7)_____ her head.

Cop said, 'Wait a minute, boys, (8)_____ 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,

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 (9)_____ 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 with the law?'

'Think it might-a been that fighter that you saw runnin' that night?'

'Don't forget (10)_____ 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 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 take a man out with just one punch

But he (11)_____ did like to talk (12)_____ it all that much.

It's my work, he'd say, and I do it for pay

And when it's over I'd (13)_____ as soon go on my way

Up to some paradise

Where the trout streams flow and the air is nice

And (14)_____ a horse (15)_____ 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 (16)_____ who watched he was a revolutionary bum

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

No one doubted that he (17)_____ the trigger.

And though they (18)_____ 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 (19)_____ tried.

The crime was (20)_____ 'one,' (21)_____ 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 (22)_____ a man

Be in the palm of (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ and watch the sun rise

While Rubin (25)_____ 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 (26)_____ him back the time he's done.

Put in a (27)_____ cell, but one time he could-a been

The champion of the world.



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Answer

1. Patty
2. call
3. their
4. Carter
5. wanna
6. Patty
7. nodded
8. this
9. South
10. that
11. never
12. about
13. just
14. ride
15. along
16. folks
17. pulled
18. could
19. falsely
20. murder
21. guess
22. such
23. some
24. martinis
25. sits
26. give
27. prison