



## Fill in the gaps

### Dear Mama by 2pac

You are appreciated

When I was a youngin' and ma mama had me

Seventeen years old kicked out on the streets

Though back at the time, I (1)\_\_\_\_\_ thought I'd see her face

Ain't a woman alive that could take my mama's place

Suspended from school and scared to go home, I was a fool

With the big boys, breakin' all the rules

I shed (2)\_\_\_\_\_ with my baby sister

Over the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ we was poorer than the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ little kids

And even though we had different daddy's, the same drama

When things went wrong we'd blame mama

I reminisce on the stress I caused, it was hell

Huggin' on my mama from a jail cell and high school elementary?

Hey, I see the penitentiary, one day

And runnin' from the police, that's right

Mama catch me, put a whoopin' to my backside

And even as a crack theme, mama

You (5)\_\_\_\_\_ was a black queen, mama

I finally understand for a woman it ain't easy

Tryin' to raise a man you always was committed

A poor single mother on welfare, tell me how ya did it

There's no way I can pay you back

But the plan is to show you (6)\_\_\_\_\_ I understand you are appreciated



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Lady, don't cha know we love ya? Sweet lady

Dear mama, place no one above ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha know we love ya?

Now ain't nobody tell us it was fair

No love from my daddy 'cause the coward wasn't there

He passed away and I didn't cry, cause my anger

Wouldn't let me (7)\_\_\_\_\_ for a stranger

They say I'm wrong and I'm heartless, but all along

I was lookin' for a father he was gone

I hung around (8)\_\_\_\_\_ the Thugs, and (9)\_\_\_\_\_ though they sold drugs

They showed a young (10)\_\_\_\_\_ love

I (11)\_\_\_\_\_ out and started really hangin'

I needed money of my own so I started shaggin'

I ain't guilty 'cause, even though I sell rocks

It feels good puttin' money in your mailbox

I love payin' rent when the rent's due

I (12)\_\_\_\_\_ ya got the (13)\_\_\_\_\_ (14)\_\_\_\_\_ that I sent to you

'Cause when I was low you was there for me

And never left me alone because you (15)\_\_\_\_\_ for me

And I could see you comin' home after work late

You're in the kitchen tryin' to fix us a hot plate

Ya just workin' with the scraps you was given

And mama made miracles every thanksgivin'

But now the road got rough, here alone



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You're tryin' to raise two bad kids on your own

And there's no way I can pay you back

But my plan is to show you that I (16)\_\_\_\_\_ you are appreciated

Lady, don't cha know we love ya? Sweet lady

And dear mama place no one (17)\_\_\_\_\_ ya, (18)\_\_\_\_\_ lady

You are appreciated, don't cha (19)\_\_\_\_\_ we love ya?

Pour out some (20)\_\_\_\_\_ and I reminisce, 'cause through the drama

I can always depend on my mama

And (21)\_\_\_\_\_ it seems that I'm hopeless

You say the words that can get me back in focus

When I was sick as a little kid

To keep me happy there's no limit to the things you did

And all my childhood memories

Are full of all the sweet things you did for me

And even (22)\_\_\_\_\_ I act crazy

I gotta thank the Lord that you made me

There are no words that can express how I feel

You never kept a secret, always stayed real

And I appreciate, how you raised me

And all the extra love that you gave me

I wish I could take the (23)\_\_\_\_\_ away

If you can make it through the (24)\_\_\_\_\_ there's a brighter day

Everything will be alright if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, (25)\_\_\_\_\_ roll on



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Lady, don't cha (26)\_\_\_\_\_ we love ya? Sweet lady

And dear mama (27)\_\_\_\_\_ no one above ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha know we love ya?

Sweet lady, and dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



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### Answer

1. never
2. tears
3. years
4. other
5. always
6. that
7. feel
8. with
9. even
10. brother
11. moved
12. hope
13. diamond
14. necklace
15. cared
16. understand
17. above
18. sweet
19. know
20. liquor
21. when
22. though
23. pain
24. night
25. gotta
26. know
27. place