



## 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 never (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 tears with my baby sister

Over the years we was (2)\_\_\_\_\_ than the other little kids

And even though we had (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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' (4)\_\_\_\_\_ the police, that's right

Mama (5)\_\_\_\_\_ me, put a whoopin' to my backside

And even as a crack theme, mama

You always 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ you that I understand you are appreciated



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

Dear mama, (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 feel for a stranger

They say I'm (8)\_\_\_\_\_ and I'm heartless, but all along

I was lookin' for a father he was gone

I hung around with the Thugs, and even (9)\_\_\_\_\_ they (10)\_\_\_\_\_ drugs

They showed a young (11)\_\_\_\_\_ love

I moved out and (12)\_\_\_\_\_ really hangin'

I needed money of my own so I started shaggin'

I ain't (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 'cause, even though I sell rocks

It feels good puttin' money in (14)\_\_\_\_\_ mailbox

I love payin' rent when the rent's due

I hope ya got the diamond necklace that I sent to you

'Cause (15)\_\_\_\_\_ I was low you was there for me

And never left me alone because you cared 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 understand you are appreciated

Lady, don't cha (16)\_\_\_\_\_ we love ya? Sweet lady

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

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

Pour out some liquor and I reminisce, 'cause (18)\_\_\_\_\_ the drama

I can always depend on my mama

And when it seems that I'm hopeless

You say the words (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 though I act crazy

I gotta thank the Lord that you made me

There are no words (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ take the pain away

If you can make it (22)\_\_\_\_\_ the night there's a brighter day

Everything will be (23)\_\_\_\_\_ if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, (24)\_\_\_\_\_ roll on



And there's no way I can pay you back

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But my plan is to show you that I (25) \_\_\_\_\_ you are appreciated

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

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

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

Sweet lady, and dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



## Answer

1. thought
2. poorer
3. different
4. from
5. catch
6. show
7. place
8. wrong
9. though
10. sold
11. brother
12. started
13. guilty
14. your
15. when
16. know
17. sweet
18. through
19. that
20. that
21. could
22. through
23. alright
24. gotta
25. understand
26. Sweet
27. sweet

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