



## 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 thought I'd see her face

Ain't a woman (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 poorer than the other little kids

And even though we had different daddy's, the (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 show you that I (5)\_\_\_\_\_ you are appreciated



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Lady, don't cha know we love ya? (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 with the Thugs, and even though (8)\_\_\_\_\_ sold drugs

They showed a (9)\_\_\_\_\_ (10)\_\_\_\_\_ love

I moved out and started really hangin'

I needed money of my own so I (11)\_\_\_\_\_ shaggin'

I ain't guilty 'cause, even (12)\_\_\_\_\_ I sell rocks

It feels good puttin' money in your mailbox

I love payin' rent when the rent's due

I hope ya got the diamond (13)\_\_\_\_\_ that I sent to you

'Cause when I was low you was (14)\_\_\_\_\_ for me

And (15)\_\_\_\_\_ left me alone because you cared for me

And I could see you comin' home after work late

You're in the (16)\_\_\_\_\_ tryin' to fix us a hot plate

Ya (17)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ you are appreciated

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

And dear mama place no one above ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha know we (20)\_\_\_\_\_ ya?

Pour out (21)\_\_\_\_\_ liquor and I reminisce, 'cause through the drama

I can always depend on my mama

And when it seems (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ to the things you did

And all my childhood memories

Are full of all the sweet things you did for me

And even (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (25)\_\_\_\_\_ you gave me

I wish I could take the pain away

If you can make it through the (26)\_\_\_\_\_ there's a brighter day

Everything will be alright if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



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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 know we love ya? (27)\_\_\_\_\_ lady

And dear mama place 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. alive
2. same
3. school
4. even
5. understand
6. Sweet
7. feel
8. they
9. young
10. brother
11. started
12. though
13. necklace
14. there
15. never
16. kitchen
17. just
18. raise
19. understand
20. love
21. some
22. that
23. limit
24. though
25. that
26. night
27. Sweet