



## 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 years we was poorer than the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 always was a (5)\_\_\_\_\_ queen, mama

I finally understand for a woman it ain't easy

Tryin' to raise a man you (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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, (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ for a stranger

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

I was lookin' for a (9)\_\_\_\_\_ he was gone

I hung around (10)\_\_\_\_\_ the Thugs, and even (11)\_\_\_\_\_ they sold drugs

They showed a young brother love

I moved out and (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 hope ya got the diamond necklace that I sent to you

'Cause when 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 (13)\_\_\_\_\_ work late

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

Ya (14)\_\_\_\_\_ workin' with the (15)\_\_\_\_\_ you was given

And (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

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And dear mama place no one above ya, sweet lady

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

Pour out some liquor and I reminisce, 'cause through the drama

I can always depend on my mama

And when 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 (17)\_\_\_\_\_ there's no limit to the things you did

And all my childhood memories

Are full of all the (18)\_\_\_\_\_ things you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I gotta (19)\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord that you made me

There are no words that can express how I feel

You never kept a secret, (20)\_\_\_\_\_ (21)\_\_\_\_\_ real

And I appreciate, how you (22)\_\_\_\_\_ me

And all the extra love that you gave me

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

If you can make it through the night there's a brighter day

Everything will be (24)\_\_\_\_\_ if ya hold on

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



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Sweet lady, and (26)\_\_\_\_\_ mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



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### Answer

1. woman
2. tears
3. other
4. from
5. black
6. always
7. sweet
8. feel
9. father
10. with
11. though
12. started
13. after
14. just
15. scraps
16. mama
17. happy
18. sweet
19. thank
20. always
21. stayed
22. raised
23. could
24. alright
25. gotta
26. dear