



## 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ than the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ little kids

And even though we had (5)\_\_\_\_\_ daddy's, the same drama

When things went (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 always was a black queen, mama

I finally understand for a woman it ain't easy

Tryin' to raise a man you (7)\_\_\_\_\_ was committed

A poor (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, (9)\_\_\_\_\_ no one above ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha know we (10)\_\_\_\_\_ ya?

Now ain't nobody tell us it was fair

No (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ they sold drugs

They (13)\_\_\_\_\_ a (14)\_\_\_\_\_ brother love

I moved out and started really hangin'

I needed money of my own so I started shaggin'

I ain't guilty 'cause, even (15)\_\_\_\_\_ I (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (17)\_\_\_\_\_ see you comin' (18)\_\_\_\_\_ after work late

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

Ya just workin' with the (19)\_\_\_\_\_ you was given

And mama made miracles every thanksgivin'

But now the (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 know we love ya? Sweet lady

And dear mama place no one (21)\_\_\_\_\_ ya, (22)\_\_\_\_\_ lady

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

Pour out (23)\_\_\_\_\_ liquor and I reminisce, 'cause through the drama

I can (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 pain away

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

Everything (26)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (27)\_\_\_\_\_ you that I understand you are appreciated

Lady, don't cha know we love ya? (28)\_\_\_\_\_ 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. never
2. take
3. poorer
4. other
5. different
6. wrong
7. always
8. single
9. place
10. love
11. love
12. though
13. showed
14. young
15. though
16. sell
17. could
18. home
19. scraps
20. road
21. above
22. sweet
23. some
24. always
25. gotta
26. will
27. show
28. Sweet