



## Fill in the gaps

### Dear Mama by 2pac

You are appreciated

When I was a youngin' and ma mama had me

Seventeen years old (1)\_\_\_\_\_ out on the streets

Though back at the time, I (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 tears with my baby sister

Over the years we was poorer than the other little kids

And even (3)\_\_\_\_\_ we had different daddy's, the same drama

When things (4)\_\_\_\_\_ wrong we'd blame mama

I (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ as a (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 love ya?

Now ain't nobody (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 they sold drugs

They (12)\_\_\_\_\_ a young 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 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 (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ I (16)\_\_\_\_\_ you are appreciated

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

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

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

Pour out some (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ as a little kid

To (20)\_\_\_\_\_ me happy there's no limit to the things you did

And all my (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ (23)\_\_\_\_\_ can express how I feel

You never kept a secret, always stayed real

And I appreciate, how you raised me

And all the (24)\_\_\_\_\_ love that you gave me

I wish I could (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (27)\_\_\_\_\_ is to show you that I understand you are appreciated

Lady, don't cha know we (28)\_\_\_\_\_ ya? Sweet 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. kicked
2. never
3. though
4. went
5. reminisce
6. even
7. crack
8. show
9. place
10. tell
11. wrong
12. showed
13. alone
14. road
15. that
16. understand
17. above
18. liquor
19. sick
20. keep
21. childhood
22. words
23. that
24. extra
25. take
26. night
27. plan
28. love