



## 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 alive (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, (5)\_\_\_\_\_ no one above ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha know we (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 wrong and I'm heartless, but all along

I was lookin' for a (7)\_\_\_\_\_ he was gone

I (8)\_\_\_\_\_ around with the Thugs, and even though (9)\_\_\_\_\_ sold drugs

They showed a young brother love

I moved out and started really hangin'

I needed money of my own so I (10)\_\_\_\_\_ shaggin'

I ain't guilty 'cause, even though I sell rocks

It feels good puttin' money in your mailbox

I love payin' (11)\_\_\_\_\_ when the rent's due

I (12)\_\_\_\_\_ ya got the diamond necklace (13)\_\_\_\_\_ I (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (17)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 above ya, sweet lady

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

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

I can always depend on my mama

And when it (19)\_\_\_\_\_ that I'm hopeless

You say the words that can get me back in focus

When I was sick as a (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ the pain away

If you can make it through the night 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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ you that I understand you are appreciated

Lady, don't cha know we love ya? (24)\_\_\_\_\_ lady

And (25)\_\_\_\_\_ mama place no one (26)\_\_\_\_\_ ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha (27)\_\_\_\_\_ we love ya?

Sweet lady, and (28)\_\_\_\_\_ mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



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Answer

1. that
2. jail
3. always
4. single
5. place
6. love
7. father
8. hung
9. they
10. started
11. rent
12. hope
13. that
14. sent
15. after
16. here
17. plan
18. some
19. seems
20. little
21. thank
22. take
23. show
24. Sweet
25. dear
26. above
27. know
28. dear