



## 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 other little kids

And even though we had different daddy's, the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 always was committed

A poor single (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 though they sold drugs

They showed a young brother love

I moved out and started really hangin'

I needed (8)\_\_\_\_\_ of my own so I started shaggin'

I ain't guilty 'cause, even though I (9)\_\_\_\_\_ rocks

It feels good puttin' money in your mailbox

I (10)\_\_\_\_\_ payin' rent (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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' (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

Lady, don't cha know we (14)\_\_\_\_\_ ya? Sweet lady

And dear mama place no one (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ it seems that I'm hopeless

You say the words that can get me (17)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (18)\_\_\_\_\_ of all the (19)\_\_\_\_\_ things you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I gotta thank the Lord that you made me

There are no words that can express how I feel

You never (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ it (22)\_\_\_\_\_ the night there's a brighter day

Everything will be alright if ya (23)\_\_\_\_\_ on

It's a (24)\_\_\_\_\_ everyday, gotta roll on



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Sweet lady, and dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



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**Answer**

1. woman
2. tears
3. same
4. cell
5. mother
6. place
7. passed
8. money
9. sell
10. love
11. when
12. home
13. mama
14. love
15. above
16. when
17. back
18. full
19. sweet
20. kept
21. make
22. through
23. hold
24. struggle