



## 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ at the time, I never 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ as a crack theme, mama

You (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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, (5)\_\_\_\_\_ lady

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

Now ain't nobody tell us it was fair

No (6)\_\_\_\_\_ from my daddy 'cause the coward wasn't there

He passed away and I didn't cry, cause my anger

Wouldn't let me (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ out and started really hangin'

I needed money of my own so I started shaggin'

I ain't (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 'cause, even (10)\_\_\_\_\_ I sell rocks

It (11)\_\_\_\_\_ good puttin' money in your mailbox

I love payin' rent when the rent's due

I hope ya got the (12)\_\_\_\_\_ necklace that I sent to you

'Cause when I was low you was there for me

And never left me alone (13)\_\_\_\_\_ you cared for me

And I (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, here alone



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You're tryin' to raise two bad (16)\_\_\_\_\_ on your own

And there's no way I can pay you back

But my plan is to (17)\_\_\_\_\_ you that I understand you are appreciated

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

And dear mama place no one (18)\_\_\_\_\_ ya, (19)\_\_\_\_\_ lady

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

Pour out (20)\_\_\_\_\_ liquor and I reminisce, 'cause (21)\_\_\_\_\_ the drama

I can (22)\_\_\_\_\_ depend on my mama

And when it seems that I'm hopeless

You say the words that can get me (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (24)\_\_\_\_\_ things you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I gotta thank the Lord (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 will be alright if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



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And dear mama place no one above ya, (27)\_\_\_\_\_ lady

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

Sweet lady, and dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



Answer

1. back
2. little
3. even
4. always
5. sweet
6. love
7. feel
8. moved
9. guilty
10. though
11. feels
12. diamond
13. because
14. could
15. after
16. kids
17. show
18. above
19. sweet
20. some
21. through
22. always
23. back
24. sweet
25. that
26. show
27. sweet

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