



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 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 even as a crack theme, mama

You always was a black queen, mama

I (3)_____ understand for a woman it ain't easy

Tryin' to raise a man you always was committed

A (4)_____ 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 (5)_____ ya? (6)_____ lady

Dear mama, place no one above ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha know we (7)_____ ya?

Now ain't nobody tell us it was fair

No love from my daddy 'cause the (8)_____ 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 (9)_____ he was gone

I hung around (10)_____ the Thugs, and even though (11)_____ sold drugs

They showed a young brother love

I moved out and started (12)_____ hangin'

I needed money of my own so I started shaggin'

I ain't (13)_____ '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 (14)_____ I sent to you

'Cause (15)_____ I was low you was there for me

And (16)_____ left me alone because you cared for me

And I could see you comin' home (17)_____ work late

You're in the (18)_____ 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 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 (19)_____ 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 some liquor 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 sick as a little kid

To keep me (20)_____ 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 (21)_____ 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 kept a secret, always stayed real

And I appreciate, how you raised me

And all the extra love (22)_____ 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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Sweet lady, and dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



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Answer

1. never
2. little
3. finally
4. poor
5. love
6. Sweet
7. love
8. coward
9. father
10. with
11. they
12. really
13. guilty
14. that
15. when
16. never
17. after
18. kitchen
19. know
20. happy
21. even
22. that