



## 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 that could take my mama's place

Suspended from school and (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 jail cell and high (2)\_\_\_\_\_ elementary?

Hey, I see the penitentiary, one day

And runnin' from the police, that's right

Mama (3)\_\_\_\_\_ me, put a whoopin' to my backside

And even as a crack theme, mama

You always was a black queen, mama

I (4)\_\_\_\_\_ understand for a (5)\_\_\_\_\_ it ain't easy

Tryin' to raise a man you (6)\_\_\_\_\_ was committed

A (7)\_\_\_\_\_ single mother on welfare, (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ ya? Sweet lady

Dear mama, place no one above ya, (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 passed away and I didn't cry, (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ sold drugs

They showed 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 (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ every thanksgivin'

But now the (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (17)\_\_\_\_\_ I understand you are appreciated

Lady, don't cha know we love ya? (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ kid

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

And all my childhood memories

Are full of all the sweet (21)\_\_\_\_\_ you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I gotta thank the Lord that you made me

There are no (22)\_\_\_\_\_ that can express how I feel

You never kept a secret, (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (24)\_\_\_\_\_ day

Everything will be alright if ya hold on

It's a (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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



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### Answer

1. scared
2. school
3. catch
4. finally
5. woman
6. always
7. poor
8. tell
9. love
10. sweet
11. cause
12. they
13. feels
14. alone
15. miracles
16. road
17. that
18. Sweet
19. little
20. keep
21. things
22. words
23. always
24. brighter
25. struggle
26. know
27. sweet