



## Fill in the gaps

### Dear Mama by 2pac

You are appreciated

When I was a youngin' and ma mama had me

Seventeen years old (1)\_\_\_\_\_ out on the streets

Though back at the time, I (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ with my (5)\_\_\_\_\_ sister

Over the years we was poorer than the other (6)\_\_\_\_\_ kids

And even though we had different daddy's, the same drama

When things went (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, sweet lady

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

Now ain't nobody tell us it was fair

No love (10)\_\_\_\_\_ my (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 'cause the (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 father he was gone

I hung around with the Thugs, and (13)\_\_\_\_\_ though they sold drugs

They showed a young brother love

I (14)\_\_\_\_\_ out and started really hangin'

I needed money of my own so I (15)\_\_\_\_\_ shaggin'

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

It feels good puttin' money in your mailbox

I love payin' (16)\_\_\_\_\_ when the rent's due

I hope ya got the diamond necklace that I sent to you

'Cause when I was low you was (17)\_\_\_\_\_ for me

And never left me alone 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 miracles (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ I understand you are appreciated

Lady, don't cha (20)\_\_\_\_\_ we love ya? Sweet lady

And dear mama place no one above ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha know we (21)\_\_\_\_\_ ya?

Pour out some liquor and I reminisce, 'cause through 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 back in focus

When I was (23)\_\_\_\_\_ as a little kid

To keep me happy there's no limit to the (24)\_\_\_\_\_ you did

And all my (25)\_\_\_\_\_ memories

Are full of all the sweet things you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I gotta thank the Lord that you made me

There are no (26)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (27)\_\_\_\_\_ the night there's a brighter day

Everything will be (28)\_\_\_\_\_ if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



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Lady, don't cha know we (29)\_\_\_\_\_ ya? Sweet lady

And dear mama place no one above ya, (30)\_\_\_\_\_ 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. kicked
2. never
3. thought
4. tears
5. baby
6. little
7. wrong
8. catch
9. mother
10. from
11. daddy
12. coward
13. even
14. moved
15. started
16. rent
17. there
18. every
19. that
20. know
21. love
22. always
23. sick
24. things
25. childhood
26. words
27. through
28. alright
29. love
30. sweet