

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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 little kids

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

When things went (3) we'd blame mama

I reminisce on the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ I caused, it was hell

Huggin' on my (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ I understand you are appreciated



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 from my daddy 'cause the coward wasn't there

He passed away and I didn't cry, (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ they (9)\_\_\_\_\_ drugs

They showed a (10)\_\_\_\_\_ brother love

I moved out and started (11)\_\_\_\_\_ hangin'

I needed money of my own so I started shaggin'

I ain't guilty 'cause, (12)\_\_\_\_\_ though I sell rocks

It feels good puttin' (13)\_\_\_\_\_ in your mailbox

I love payin' rent (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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' 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ made miracles every thanksgivin'

But now the (16) \_\_\_\_\_ got rough, here alone



You're tryin' to raise two bad kids on (17)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 love ya? Sweet lady

And dear mama place no one (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 sweet things you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I gotta thank the Lord that you made me

There are no (21)\_\_\_\_\_ (22)\_\_\_\_ can express how I feel

You never (23) \_\_\_\_\_ a secret, always stayed real

And I appreciate, how you raised me

And all the extra love that you gave me

I wish I (24)\_\_\_\_\_ (25)\_\_\_\_ the pain away

If you can make it through the night there's a brighter day

Everything (26)\_\_\_\_\_ be alright if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, (27)\_\_\_\_\_ roll on



But my plan is to (28)\_\_\_\_\_ you that I understand you are appreciated

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And dear mama place no one (29)\_\_\_\_\_ ya, sweet lady

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

Sweet lady, and dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



- 1. never
- 2. woman
- 3. wrong
- 4. stress
- 5. mama
- 6. that
- 7. cause
- 8. though
- 9. sold
- 10. young
- 11. really
- 12. even
- 13. money
- 14. when
- 15. mama
- 16. road
- 17. your
- 18. above
- 19. depend
- 20. sick
- 21. words
- 22. that
- 23. kept
- 24. could
- 25. take
- 26. will
- 27. gotta
- 28. show
- 29. above