

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