



## 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 never thought I'd see her face

Ain't a (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_\_\_ that could take my mama's place

Suspended from school and (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (5)\_\_\_\_\_ little kids

And even though we had (6)\_\_\_\_\_ daddy's, the (7)\_\_\_\_\_ drama

When things went wrong we'd (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 finally (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ from my daddy 'cause the coward wasn't there

He (13)\_\_\_\_\_ away and I didn't cry, cause my anger

Wouldn't let me feel for a stranger

They say I'm (14)\_\_\_\_\_ and I'm heartless, but all along

I was lookin' for a father he was gone

I hung around with the Thugs, and even (15)\_\_\_\_\_ they (16)\_\_\_\_\_ drugs

They showed a (17)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 that I sent to you

'Cause when I was low you was there for me

And (19)\_\_\_\_\_ left me (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 every thanksgivin'

But now the road got rough, (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 above ya, sweet lady

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

Pour out some (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 happy there's no limit to the things you did

And all my childhood memories

Are full of all the (24)\_\_\_\_\_ things you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I gotta thank the Lord that you made me

There are no words that can express how I feel

You (25)\_\_\_\_\_ kept a secret, always stayed real

And I appreciate, how you raised me

And all the extra love that you (26)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (27)\_\_\_\_\_ on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



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

Lady, don't cha know we love ya? Sweet lady

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



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### Answer

1. kicked
2. woman
3. alive
4. scared
5. other
6. different
7. same
8. blame
9. understand
10. plan
11. place
12. love
13. passed
14. wrong
15. though
16. sold
17. young
18. though
19. never
20. alone
21. here
22. plan
23. liquor
24. sweet
25. never
26. gave
27. hold
28. that
29. above