



## 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ thought 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 tears with my baby sister

Over the years we was poorer (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 school 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 finally (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (5)\_\_\_\_\_ you that I (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ my daddy 'cause the coward wasn't there

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

They showed a (9)\_\_\_\_\_ brother love

I moved out and started (10)\_\_\_\_\_ hangin'

I needed money of my own so I started shaggin'

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

It feels good puttin' money in your mailbox

I love payin' (11)\_\_\_\_\_ when the rent's due

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

'Cause (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 mama made miracles every 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 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 liquor and I reminisce, 'cause through the drama

I can always depend on my mama

And (13)\_\_\_\_\_ it seems (14)\_\_\_\_\_ I'm hopeless

You say the words that can get me back in focus

When I was sick as a little kid

To (15)\_\_\_\_\_ me happy there's no limit to the (16)\_\_\_\_\_ you did

And all my childhood memories

Are (17)\_\_\_\_\_ of all the sweet (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ me

I (21)\_\_\_\_\_ I could take the pain away

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

Everything (22)\_\_\_\_\_ be (23)\_\_\_\_\_ if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



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Lady, don't cha (24)\_\_\_\_\_ we love ya? Sweet lady

And (25)\_\_\_\_\_ mama place no one (26)\_\_\_\_\_ ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha know we (27)\_\_\_\_\_ ya?

Sweet lady, and dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



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### Answer

1. never
2. than
3. catch
4. understand
5. show
6. understand
7. from
8. cause
9. young
10. really
11. rent
12. when
13. when
14. that
15. keep
16. things
17. full
18. things
19. express
20. gave
21. wish
22. will
23. alright
24. know
25. dear
26. above
27. love