



## 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 never (1)\_\_\_\_\_ I'd see her face

Ain't a woman alive that (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ than the other little kids

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

When things went (4)\_\_\_\_\_ we'd (5)\_\_\_\_\_ mama

I reminisce on the stress I caused, it was hell

Huggin' on my (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ I understand you are appreciated



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Lady, don't cha know we (9)\_\_\_\_\_ ya? Sweet lady

Dear mama, (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, 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 even though they sold drugs

They showed a young 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 though I (11)\_\_\_\_\_ rocks

It (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (13)\_\_\_\_\_ puttin' money in your mailbox

I love payin' rent when the rent's due

I (14)\_\_\_\_\_ ya got the (15)\_\_\_\_\_ necklace that I sent to you

'Cause when I was low you was there for me

And (16)\_\_\_\_\_ left me alone because you cared for me

And I (17)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ (23)\_\_\_\_\_ you gave me

I wish I could take the pain away

If you can make it through the (24)\_\_\_\_\_ there's a brighter day

Everything will be alright if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



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And dear mama place no one (27)\_\_\_\_\_ ya, sweet lady

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

Sweet lady, and (28)\_\_\_\_\_ mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



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**Answer**

1. thought
2. could
3. poorer
4. wrong
5. blame
6. mama
7. woman
8. that
9. love
10. place
11. sell
12. feels
13. good
14. hope
15. diamond
16. never
17. could
18. here
19. always
20. full
21. words
22. love
23. that
24. night
25. show
26. love
27. above
28. dear