



## Fill in the gaps

### Dear Mama by 2pac

You are appreciated

When I was a youngin' and ma (1)\_\_\_\_\_ had me

Seventeen years old kicked out on the streets

Though back at the time, I never thought I'd see her face

Ain't a woman alive (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ than the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ little kids

And even though we had different daddy's, the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ drama

When things went wrong we'd blame mama

I reminisce on the stress I caused, it was hell

Huggin' on my mama (6)\_\_\_\_\_ a jail cell and (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 that I understand 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ (10)\_\_\_\_\_ drugs

They showed a young (11)\_\_\_\_\_ love

I moved out and started really hangin'

I needed money of my own so I (12)\_\_\_\_\_ shaggin'

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

It feels good puttin' money in your mailbox

I love payin' rent when the rent's due

I (13)\_\_\_\_\_ ya got the (14)\_\_\_\_\_ necklace (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 mama made miracles (16)\_\_\_\_\_ thanksgivin'

But now the road got rough, here alone



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You're tryin' to raise two bad kids on (17)\_\_\_\_\_ own

And there's no way I can pay you back

But my (18)\_\_\_\_\_ is to show you that I understand you are appreciated

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

And dear (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 when it seems that I'm hopeless

You say the words that can get me (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 sweet things you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I gotta (21)\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord that you made me

There are no words (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 (24)\_\_\_\_\_ you gave me

I wish I could take the (25)\_\_\_\_\_ away

If you can make it through the night 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 there's no way I can pay you back

But my (26)\_\_\_\_\_ is to (27)\_\_\_\_\_ you that I understand you are appreciated

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

And dear mama (28)\_\_\_\_\_ no one above ya, sweet lady

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

Sweet lady, and (29)\_\_\_\_\_ mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



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### Answer

1. mama
2. that
3. poorer
4. other
5. same
6. from
7. high
8. from
9. they
10. sold
11. brother
12. started
13. hope
14. diamond
15. that
16. every
17. your
18. plan
19. mama
20. back
21. thank
22. that
23. kept
24. that
25. pain
26. plan
27. show
28. place
29. dear