

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 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 (1)_____ sister

Over the (2) we was (3) than the other little kids

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

When things went wrong we'd blame mama

I (4)_____ on the (5)_____ 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 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 (6)_____ you that I understand you are appreciated



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 (7)_____ we love ya?

Now ain't nobody tell us it was fair

No love from my (8)_____ '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 (9)_____ they sold drugs

They showed a young brother love

I moved out and started really hangin'

I needed money of my own so I (10)_____ shaggin'

I ain't (11)_____ 'cause, even though 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 (12)_____ I sent to you

'Cause when I was low you was (13)_____ 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 (14) workin' with the scraps you was given

And mama made (15)_____ every thanksgivin'

But now the road got rough, here alone



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 (17)_____ we love ya? Sweet lady

And (18)_____ (19)____ (20)____ no one above ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha (21) 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 (22) can get me back in focus

When I was sick as a (23)_____ kid

To keep me (24)_____ there's no limit to the things you did

And all my childhood memories

Are (25)_____ 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 words that can (26)_____ 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 gave 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 hold on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



But my plan is to show you (27)_____ I understand you are appreciated

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

And dear mama place no one above ya, (28)_____ lady

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

Sweet lady, and dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



- 1. baby
- 2. years
- 3. poorer
- 4. reminisce
- 5. stress
- 6. show
- 7. know
- 8. daddy
- 9. though
- 10. started
- 11. guilty
- 12. that
- 13. there
- 14. just
- 15. miracles
- 16. kids
- 17. know
- 18. dear
- 19. mama
- 20. place
- 21. know
- 22. that
- 23. little
- 24. happy
- 25. full
- 26. express
- 27. that
- 28. sweet