



## 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 thought I'd see her face

Ain't a woman alive (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 reminisce on the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ me, put a whoopin' to my backside

And even as a crack theme, mama

You always was a (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ ya? Sweet lady

Dear mama, (7)\_\_\_\_\_ no one above ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ to you

'Cause when I was low you was there for me

And (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ is to show you that I (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ liquor and I reminisce, 'cause through the drama

I can (15)\_\_\_\_\_ depend on my mama

And when it seems that I'm hopeless

You say the words that can get me (16)\_\_\_\_\_ in focus

When I was sick as a (17)\_\_\_\_\_ kid

To keep me happy there's no (18)\_\_\_\_\_ to the things you did

And all my childhood memories

Are full of all the (19)\_\_\_\_\_ things you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I (20)\_\_\_\_\_ thank the (21)\_\_\_\_\_ (22)\_\_\_\_\_ you made me

There are no (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (24)\_\_\_\_\_ can (25)\_\_\_\_\_ how I feel

You never kept a secret, always stayed real

And I appreciate, how you raised me

And all the extra (26)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (27)\_\_\_\_\_ be (28)\_\_\_\_\_ if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



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And dear mama place no one above 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. that
2. poorer
3. stress
4. catch
5. black
6. love
7. place
8. know
9. sent
10. never
11. mama
12. plan
13. understand
14. some
15. always
16. back
17. little
18. limit
19. sweet
20. gotta
21. Lord
22. that
23. words
24. that
25. express
26. love
27. will
28. alright
29. know