



Dear Mama by 2pac

Fill in the gaps

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 (1)_____ take my mama's place

Suspended from school and (2)_____ 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 than the (3)_____ 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 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 (4)_____ a man you always was committed

A poor single mother on welfare, (5)_____ 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



Fill in the gaps

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 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 (8)_____ he was gone

I hung (9)_____ 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 (10)_____ shaggin'

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

It feels good puttin' money in your mailbox

I love payin' rent (11)_____ the rent's due

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

'Cause when I was low you was there for me

And never left me alone (12)_____ 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' (13)_____ 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 (14)_____ on your own

And there's no way I can pay you back

But my plan is to (15)_____ you that I understand you are appreciated

Lady, don't cha (16)_____ we love ya? Sweet lady

And dear mama (17)_____ no one (18)_____ 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 (19)_____ it (20)_____ that I'm hopeless

You say the words that can get me back in focus

When I was (21)_____ as a little kid

To keep me happy there's no limit to the (22)_____ you did

And all my childhood memories

Are full of all the sweet (23)_____ 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 express how I feel

You never kept a secret, always (24)_____ real

And I appreciate, how you raised me

And all the (25)_____ (26)_____ that you gave me

I wish I could take the pain away

If you can make it through the (27)_____ there's a brighter day

Everything will be alright if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta (28)_____ on



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

And dear (29)_____ 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



Answer

Fill in the gaps

1. could
2. scared
3. other
4. raise
5. tell
6. love
7. place
8. father
9. around
10. started
11. when
12. because
13. with
14. kids
15. show
16. know
17. place
18. above
19. when
20. seems
21. sick
22. things
23. things
24. stayed
25. extra
26. love
27. night
28. roll
29. mama