



## Fill in the gaps

### Dear Mama by 2pac

You are appreciated

When I was a youngin' and ma mama had me

Seventeen years old (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (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 other little kids

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

When (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ you are appreciated



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Lady, don't cha know we (8)\_\_\_\_\_ ya? (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 from my daddy 'cause the coward wasn't there

He passed away and I didn't cry, (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ shaggin'

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

It feels good puttin' money in your mailbox

I (12)\_\_\_\_\_ payin' rent when the rent's due

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

'Cause (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 always 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 (17)\_\_\_\_\_ memories

Are full of all the sweet things you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I gotta (18)\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord that you made me

There are no (19)\_\_\_\_\_ that can express how I feel

You (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ the (22)\_\_\_\_\_ away

If you can (23)\_\_\_\_\_ it through the (24)\_\_\_\_\_ there's a brighter day

Everything will be alright if ya hold on

It's a (25)\_\_\_\_\_ everyday, gotta roll on



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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 (26)\_\_\_\_\_ ya? Sweet lady

And (27)\_\_\_\_\_ 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. kicked
2. scared
3. things
4. reminisce
5. stress
6. show
7. understand
8. love
9. Sweet
10. cause
11. started
12. love
13. when
14. mama
15. made
16. plan
17. childhood
18. thank
19. words
20. never
21. take
22. pain
23. make
24. night
25. struggle
26. love
27. dear