

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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ sister

Over the years we was poorer than the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ queen, mama

I (7)\_\_\_\_\_ understand for a woman it ain't easy

Tryin' to raise a man you (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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



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 \_\_\_\_\_ with the Thugs, and even (12)\_\_\_\_\_ they sold drugs I hung (11)\_\_\_\_ They showed a young brother love I moved out and started (13)\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14) \_\_\_\_\_ mailbox I love payin' rent when 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 because you (15)\_\_\_\_\_ for me And I could see you comin' (16)\_\_\_\_\_ after work late You're in the kitchen tryin' to fix us a hot plate

Ya just workin' (17)\_\_\_\_\_ the scraps you was given

And mama made miracles (18)\_\_\_\_\_ thanksgivin'

But now the road got rough, here alone



You're tryin' to raise two bad kids on (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 thank the Lord that you made me

There are no words that can express 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, (22)\_\_\_\_\_ roll on



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

And (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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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- 2. baby
- 3. other
- 4. little
- 5. same
- 6. black
- 7. finally
- 8. always
- 9. know
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- 10. cause
- 11. around
- 12. though
- 13. really
- 14. your
- 15. cared
- 16. home
- 17. with
- 18. every
- 19. your
- 20. know
- 21. sick
- 22. gotta
- 23. dear