

You are appreciated

When I was a youngin' and ma mama had me
Seventeen years old kicked out on the streets
Though (1) at the time, I never thought I'd see her face
Ain't a woman alive that (2) 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 poorer than the other little kids
And even though we had different daddy's, the same drama
When things went (3) 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 raise a man you always was committed
A poor (4) mother on welfare, tell me how ya did it
There's no way I can pay you back
But the (5) is to show you that I understand you are appreciated

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

# Fill in the gaps

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Deal maria, 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, 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 (6) he was gone
I hung around with the Thugs, and (7) though they sold drugs
They showed a young brother love
I moved out and started really hangin'
I needed (8) of my own so I started shaggin'
I ain't guilty 'cause, even (9) 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 sent to you
'Cause (10) I was low you was there for me
And never left me alone because you cared for me
And I could see you comin' (11) 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 mama (12) miracles every thanksgivin'

But now the road got rough, here alone



And there's no way I can pay you back But my plan is to (13)\_\_\_\_\_ you that I understand you are appreciated Lady, don't cha know we love ya? Sweet lady And dear (14)\_\_\_\_\_ place no one above ya, (15)\_\_\_\_ 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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ it seems that I'm hopeless You say the words that can get me (17)\_\_\_\_\_ in focus When I was sick as a little kid \_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ thank the Lord that you (20)\_\_\_\_ me There are no words that can express how I feel You (21)\_\_\_\_\_ kept a secret, always stayed real And I appreciate, how you (22)\_\_\_\_\_ me And all the extra love that you gave me I wish I could take the (23)\_\_\_\_\_ away If you can (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 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



Lady, don't cha (25)\_\_\_\_\_ we love ya? (26)\_\_\_\_ lady

And dear mama place no one above ya, sweet lady

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

But my plan is to show you that I understand you are appreciated

Sweet lady, and (27)\_\_\_\_\_ mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



- 1. back
- 2. could
- 3. wrong
- 4. single
- 5. plan
- 6. father
- 7. even
- 8. money
- 9. though
- 10. when
- 11. home
- 12. made
- 13. show
- 14. mama
- 15. sweet
- 16. when
- 17. back
- 18. keep
- 19. gotta
- 20. made
- 21. never
- 22. raised
- 23. pain
- 24. make
- 25. know
- 26. Sweet
- 27. dear