



## 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ that could (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ the other little kids

And even (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ was a black queen, mama

I (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (8)\_\_\_\_\_ for a (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (10)\_\_\_\_\_ you are appreciated



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Lady, don't cha know we (11)\_\_\_\_\_ ya? Sweet 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, 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (13)\_\_\_\_\_ they sold drugs

They showed a young brother love

I moved out and started really hangin'

I needed (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 sent to you

'Cause when 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ workin' with the (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 kids on (17)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (18)\_\_\_\_\_ we love ya? Sweet lady

And dear mama place no one above ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha (19)\_\_\_\_\_ we (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 childhood memories

Are full of all the sweet things you did for me

And (22)\_\_\_\_\_ though I act crazy

I gotta thank the Lord that you made me

There are no words (23)\_\_\_\_\_ can express how I feel

You never kept a secret, always stayed real

And I appreciate, how you raised me

And all the (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, gotta roll on



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But my (25)\_\_\_\_\_ is to show you that I understand you are appreciated

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

And dear mama place no one (27)\_\_\_\_\_ ya, (28)\_\_\_\_\_ 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. alive
2. take
3. than
4. though
5. high
6. always
7. finally
8. understand
9. woman
10. understand
11. love
12. even
13. though
14. money
15. just
16. scraps
17. your
18. know
19. know
20. love
21. back
22. even
23. that
24. extra
25. plan
26. Sweet
27. above
28. sweet