



## 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 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 wrong we'd (2)\_\_\_\_\_ mama

I (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ as a crack theme, mama

You (5)\_\_\_\_\_ was a (6)\_\_\_\_\_ queen, mama

I finally (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 show you that I (8)\_\_\_\_\_ you are appreciated



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Lady, don't cha know we love 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ around with the Thugs, and even though they sold drugs

They showed a (10)\_\_\_\_\_ brother love

I (11)\_\_\_\_\_ out and started (12)\_\_\_\_\_ hangin'

I needed money of my own so I started shaggin'

I ain't (13)\_\_\_\_\_ '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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ that I sent to you

'Cause when I was low you was there for me

And never left me alone because you (16)\_\_\_\_\_ for me

And I could see you comin' (17)\_\_\_\_\_ after work late

You're in the kitchen tryin' to fix us a hot plate

Ya just workin' with the (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (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 know we love ya? (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 childhood memories

Are (22)\_\_\_\_\_ of all the sweet things you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I (23)\_\_\_\_\_ thank the Lord that you made me

There are no (24)\_\_\_\_\_ that can express how I feel

You never kept a secret, (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, (26)\_\_\_\_\_ roll on



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And dear mama (28)\_\_\_\_\_ no one above ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha know we (29)\_\_\_\_\_ ya?

Sweet lady, and dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



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### Answer

1. shed
2. blame
3. reminisce
4. even
5. always
6. black
7. understand
8. understand
9. hung
10. young
11. moved
12. really
13. guilty
14. your
15. necklace
16. cared
17. home
18. scraps
19. your
20. Sweet
21. that
22. full
23. gotta
24. words
25. always
26. gotta
27. know
28. place
29. love