



## 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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' (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (5)\_\_\_\_\_ you that I understand 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ tell us it was fair

No love from my (7)\_\_\_\_\_ '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 even though they sold drugs

They showed a young brother love

I (8)\_\_\_\_\_ out and started (9)\_\_\_\_\_ hangin'

I (10)\_\_\_\_\_ money 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' (11)\_\_\_\_\_ (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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' (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 made miracles every thanksgivin'

But now the (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 plan is to show you that I understand you are appreciated

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

And dear (15)\_\_\_\_\_ place no one (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (17)\_\_\_\_\_ (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ thank the (21)\_\_\_\_\_ that you (22)\_\_\_\_\_ me

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

You (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (25)\_\_\_\_\_ the (26)\_\_\_\_\_ away

If you can (27)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 plan is to show you (28)\_\_\_\_\_ I understand you are appreciated

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And dear mama place no one above ya, sweet lady

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

Sweet lady, and (29)\_\_\_\_\_ mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



Answer

1. thought
2. shed
3. from
4. woman
5. show
6. nobody
7. daddy
8. moved
9. really
10. needed
11. rent
12. when
13. home
14. road
15. mama
16. above
17. always
18. depend
19. little
20. gotta
21. Lord
22. made
23. that
24. never
25. take
26. pain
27. make
28. that
29. dear

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