

## Fill in the gaps

You are appreciated

When I was a youngin' and ma mama had me
Seventeen years old (1) out on the streets
Though back at the time, I never thought I'd see her face
Ain't a (2) 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 baby sister
Over the years we was (3) 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 (4) 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 (5) 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 (6) 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 (7) you that I understand you are appreciated

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

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Dear mama, place no one above ya, sweet lady
You are appreciated, don't cha (8) 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 (9) 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 moved out and started really hangin'
I needed money of my own so I started shaggin'
I ain't guilty 'cause, even (10) I sell rocks
It feels (11) puttin' money in (12) mailbox
I love payin' (13) when the rent's due
I hope ya got the diamond (14) that I sent to you
'Cause (15) 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 just workin' with the scraps you was given
And mama made miracles every thanksgivin'

But now the road got rough, here alone



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Lady, don't cha know we (16)	ya? Sweet lady		
And dear mama (17) no	one (18)	ya, sweet lady	
You are appreciated, don't cha know v	ve love ya?		
Pour out some (19) ar	nd I reminisce, 'cause	(20)	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 ba	ck in focus		
When I was sick as a little kid			
To keep me (21) there's	no (22)	to the things you did	
And all my childhood memories			
Are full of all the (23) thin	ngs you did for me		
And (24) though I act crazy	1		
I gotta thank the Lord that you made n	ne		
There are no words that can express h	now I feel		
You never kept a secret, always staye	d real		
And I appreciate, how you raised me			
And all the extra love that you gave me	e		
I wish I could take the pain away			
If you can make it through the night the	ere's a brighter day		
Everything will be (25)	if ya hold on		
It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on			



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But my (26) is to (27) you (28) I understand you are appreciated	
Lady, don't cha know we love ya? Sweet lady	
And dear mama place no one above ya, (29) lady	
You are appreciated, don't cha know we love ya?	
Sweet lady, and dear mama	
Dear mama, lady, lady	



#### 1. kicked

- 2. woman
- 3. poorer
- 4. mama
- 5. even
- 6. always
- 7. show 8. know
- 9. wrong
- 10. though
- 11. good
- 12. your
- 13. rent
- 14. necklace
- 15. when
- 16. love
- 17. place
- 18. above
- 19. liquor
- 20. through
- 21. happy
- 22. limit
- 23. sweet
- 24. even
- 25. alright
- 26. plan
- 27. show
- 28. that
- 29. sweet

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