



## Fill in the gaps

### Dear Mama by 2pac

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 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 shed tears with my baby sister

Over the years we was poorer than the other little kids

And even though we had (2)\_\_\_\_\_ daddy's, the same drama

When things (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 always was committed

A poor (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 understand you are appreciated



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Lady, don't cha know we (7)\_\_\_\_\_ ya? Sweet lady

Dear mama, place no one above ya, (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (10)\_\_\_\_\_ of my own so I (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ for me

And never left me alone because you cared for me

And I could see you comin' home after (13)\_\_\_\_\_ late

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

Ya just workin' (14)\_\_\_\_\_ the scraps you was given

And mama (15)\_\_\_\_\_ miracles every thanksgivin'

But now the road 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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ mama (17)\_\_\_\_\_ no one above ya, sweet lady

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

Pour out some liquor and I reminisce, 'cause (18)\_\_\_\_\_ the drama

I can (19)\_\_\_\_\_ depend on my mama

And when it (20)\_\_\_\_\_ (21)\_\_\_\_\_ I'm hopeless

You say the words that can get me back in focus

When I was sick as a little kid

To (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ thank the Lord that you made me

There are no words that 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 (25)\_\_\_\_\_ day

Everything will be (26)\_\_\_\_\_ if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, (27)\_\_\_\_\_ roll on



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But my (28)\_\_\_\_\_ is to show you that I understand you are appreciated

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

And dear mama place no one (29)\_\_\_\_\_ ya, sweet 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. kicked
2. different
3. went
4. mama
5. even
6. single
7. love
8. sweet
9. father
10. money
11. started
12. there
13. work
14. with
15. made
16. dear
17. place
18. through
19. always
20. seems
21. that
22. keep
23. gotta
24. extra
25. brighter
26. alright
27. gotta
28. plan
29. above