



## 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 understand you are appreciated



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Lady, don't cha know we (7)\_\_\_\_\_ ya? (8)\_\_\_\_\_ lady

Dear mama, place no one above ya, sweet lady

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

Now ain't (9)\_\_\_\_\_ (10)\_\_\_\_\_ us it was fair

No love from my daddy 'cause the coward wasn't there

He passed (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ he was gone

I (13)\_\_\_\_\_ (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ '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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ for me

And never left me alone because you (17)\_\_\_\_\_ for me

And I (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ made miracles every thanksgivin'

But now the road got rough, (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ depend 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 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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I gotta 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 (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (25)\_\_\_\_\_ if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



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Sweet lady, and dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



Answer

1. could
2. shed
3. little
4. high
5. school
6. even
7. love
8. Sweet
9. nobody
10. tell
11. away
12. father
13. hung
14. around
15. guilty
16. there
17. cared
18. could
19. mama
20. here
21. always
22. keep
23. things
24. raised
25. alright

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