

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 shed 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 (1)_____ went wrong we'd blame mama

I (2)_____ on the stress I caused, it was hell

Huggin' on my mama from a jail cell and high (3)______ 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 even 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



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 (4)_____ 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 hung around with the Thugs, and even though they sold drugs

They (5)_____ a young (6)_____ love

I moved out and started really hangin'

I needed money of my own so I (7)_____ 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 there for me

And (8)_____ left me (9)_____ 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 (10) workin' with the scraps you was given

And mama made miracles every thanksgivin'

But now the road got rough, here alone



And there's no way I can pay you back But my plan is to (12) you that I understand you are appreciated Lady, don't cha know we (13) ya? Sweet lady And dear mama (14)_____ no one (15)_____ 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 that can get me back in focus When I was sick as a (16)_____ kid To keep me (17)_____ there's no (18)_____ to the (19)____ _____ you did And all my childhood memories Are full of all the sweet things you did for me And even (20)_____ 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

on your own

And I appreciate, how you raised me

And all the extra (21)_____ that you gave me

I wish I (22)_____ take the (23)_____ away

If you can make it through the night there's a brighter day

Everything will be alright if ya (24)_____ on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



But my plan is to show you that I (25)_____ you are appreciated

Lady, don't cha know we (26)_____ ya? Sweet lady

And dear mama place no one above ya, sweet lady

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

Sweet lady, and dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



- 1. things
- 2. reminisce
- 3. school
- 4. love
- 5. showed
- 6. brother
- 7. started
- 8. never
- 9. alone
- 10. just
- 11. kids
- 12. show
- 13. love
- 14. place
- 15. above
- 16. little
- 17. happy
- 18. limit
- 19. things
- 20. though
- 21. love
- 22. could
- 23. pain
- 24. hold
- 25. understand
- 26. love