



## 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 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (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 (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 show you that I understand you are appreciated



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

Dear mama, (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 love from my daddy 'cause the (6)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't there

He (7)\_\_\_\_\_ away and I didn't cry, cause my anger

Wouldn't let me (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ with the Thugs, and even though they sold drugs

They showed a (10)\_\_\_\_\_ brother love

I moved out and started (11)\_\_\_\_\_ hangin'

I needed 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' rent when the rent's due

I (12)\_\_\_\_\_ ya got the (13)\_\_\_\_\_ necklace that I (14)\_\_\_\_\_ to you

'Cause when I was low you was there for me

And (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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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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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ and I reminisce, 'cause through the drama

I can always depend on my mama

And when it (17)\_\_\_\_\_ that I'm hopeless

You say the words that can get me (18)\_\_\_\_\_ in focus

When I was sick as a little kid

To (19)\_\_\_\_\_ me happy there's no limit to the things you did

And all my (20)\_\_\_\_\_ memories

Are full of all the sweet things you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I gotta (21)\_\_\_\_\_ the (22)\_\_\_\_\_ (23)\_\_\_\_\_ you made me

There are no (24)\_\_\_\_\_ that can express how I feel

You never kept a secret, always (25)\_\_\_\_\_ real

And I appreciate, how you raised me

And all the extra love (26)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 alright if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



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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 (28)\_\_\_\_\_ mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



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### Answer

1. even
2. though
3. school
4. woman
5. place
6. coward
7. passed
8. feel
9. around
10. young
11. really
12. hope
13. diamond
14. sent
15. never
16. liquor
17. seems
18. back
19. keep
20. childhood
21. thank
22. Lord
23. that
24. words
25. stayed
26. that
27. know
28. dear