# Dear Mama by 2pac

# Fill in the gaps

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				
Nith the big boys, breakin' all the rules				
shed tears (1) 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 things went wrong we'd blame mama				
reminisce on the stress I caused, it was hell				
Huggin' on my mama 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 even as a (2) theme, mama				
You always was a black queen, mama				
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				

Lady, don't cha know we love ya? Sweet lady 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 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 father he was gone I (3)\_\_\_\_\_ around with the Thugs, and even though they sold drugs They showed a young (4)\_\_\_\_\_ love I moved out and started really 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' (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 never left me alone because you cared for me

And I could see you comin' home after work late

You're in the (6)\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ tryin' to fix us a hot plate

Ya just workin' with the scraps you was given

And (7)\_\_\_\_\_ made miracles every thanksgivin'

But now the road got rough, here alone



You're tryin' to rais	se two bad kids on your	own	
And there's no wa	ay I can pay you back		
But my plan is to s	show you that I understa	and you are appreciated	
Lady, don't cha kr	now we love ya? Sweet	lady	
And dear mama p	lace no one above ya, s	sweet lady	
You are appreciat	ted, don't cha know we l	ove ya?	
Pour out (8)	(9)	_ and I reminisce, 'cause (10)	the drama
I can always depe	end on my mama		
And when it seem	s that I'm hopeless		
You say the words	s that can get me back i	n focus	
When I was sick a	us a little kid		
To keep me happy	y there's no limit to the t	hings you did	
And all my childho	ood memories		
Are full of all the s	sweet things you did for I	me	
And even though	Lact crazy		
	Lord that you made me		
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	ds that can express how		
You never kept a	secret, always stayed re	eal	
And I appreciate,	how you raised me		
And all the extra lo	ove 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 alright if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



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?

Sweet lady, and dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



- 1. with
- 2. crack
- 3. hung
- 4. brother
- 5. rent
- 6. kitchen
- 7. mama
- 8. some
- 9. liquor
- 10. through