



## Fill in the gaps

### Dear Mama by 2pac

You are appreciated

When I was a youngin' and ma (1)\_\_\_\_\_ had me

Seventeen years old kicked out on the streets

Though (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ to go home, I was a fool

With the big boys, breakin' all the rules

I shed tears with my baby sister

Over the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ we was poorer than the other little kids

And (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ as a crack theme, mama

You always was a black queen, mama

I (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (10)\_\_\_\_\_ he was gone

I (11)\_\_\_\_\_ (12)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (13)\_\_\_\_\_ '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 never left me alone because you cared for me

And I could see you comin' (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ we love ya? Sweet lady

And (17)\_\_\_\_\_ mama place no one (18)\_\_\_\_\_ ya, sweet lady

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

Pour out some liquor and I reminisce, 'cause (19)\_\_\_\_\_ the drama

I can always (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 keep me happy there's no limit to the things you did

And all my (21)\_\_\_\_\_ memories

Are full of all the sweet things you did for me

And even (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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, (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (24)\_\_\_\_\_ real

And I appreciate, how you raised me

And all the extra love that you (25)\_\_\_\_\_ me

I (26)\_\_\_\_\_ I could take the pain away

If you can (27)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (28)\_\_\_\_\_ we (29)\_\_\_\_\_ ya?

Sweet lady, and dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



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### Answer

1. mama
2. back
3. scared
4. years
5. even
6. mama
7. even
8. finally
9. away
10. father
11. hung
12. around
13. guilty
14. home
15. every
16. know
17. dear
18. above
19. through
20. depend
21. childhood
22. though
23. always
24. stayed
25. gave
26. wish
27. make
28. know
29. love