

You are appreciated

When I was a youngin' and ma mama had me				
Seventeen years old (1) out on the streets				
Though back at the time, I never (2) 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 (3) tears with my (4) sister				
Over the years we was poorer than the other (5) kids				
And (6) 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 (7) 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 crack theme, mama				
You (8) was a black queen, mama				
I (9) understand for a woman it ain't easy				
Tryin' to raise a man you always was committed				
A (10) 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, (11) lady				
You are appreciated, don't cha (12) we love ya?				
Now ain't nobody tell us it was fair				
No love from my daddy 'cause the coward wasn't there				
He (13) 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 (14) 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 (15) shaggin'				
I ain't guilty 'cause, (16) 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' 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 (17) got rough, here alone				

You're tryin' to raise two bad kids on your own

Fill in the gaps

And there's no way I can pay you back

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Lady, don't cha know we love ya?	(18) lady
And dear mama (19)	no one above ya, sweet lady
You are appreciated, don't cha kno	ow we love ya?

Pour out some liquor and I reminisce, 'cause through the drama
I can always depend on my mama
And (20)______ it seems that I'm hopeless
You say the words that can get me back in focus

When I was (21)_____ as a little kid

To keep me happy there's no limit to the things you did

And all my childhood memories

Are full of all the sweet things you did for me

And (22)_____ though I act crazy

I gotta thank the Lord that you made me

There are no words (23)_____ can express how I feel

You never (24)____ a secret, always stayed real

And I appreciate, how you raised 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 (25)_____ day

Everything will be alright if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



But my plan is to show you (26) I understand you are appreciated			
Lady, don't cha know we love ya? Sweet lady			
And (27) 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			



- 1. kicked
- 2. thought
- 3. shed
- 4. baby
- 5. little
- 6. even
- 7. cell
- 8. always
- 9. finally
- 10. poor
- 11. sweet
- 12. know
- 13. passed
- 14. even
- 15. started
- 16. even
- 17. road
- 18. Sweet
- 19. place
- 20. when
- 21. sick
- 22. even
- 23. that
- 24. kept
- 25. brighter
- 26. that
- 27. dear