



## 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ thought I'd see her face

Ain't a (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ wrong we'd blame mama

I reminisce on the stress I caused, it was hell

Huggin' on my mama from a jail (5)\_\_\_\_\_ and high (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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



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

Dear mama, (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (10)\_\_\_\_\_ my daddy 'cause the (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ they sold drugs

They showed a young brother love

I moved out and started really hangin'

I (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ you (17)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 liquor and I reminisce, 'cause (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ in focus

When I was sick as a little kid

To (20)\_\_\_\_\_ me happy there's no limit to the (21)\_\_\_\_\_ you did

And all my (22)\_\_\_\_\_ memories

Are full of all the sweet things you did for me

And even though I act crazy

I (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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

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 brighter day

Everything will be alright if ya hold on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta roll on



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But my (24)\_\_\_\_\_ is to (25)\_\_\_\_\_ you that I understand you are appreciated

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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 dear mama

Dear mama, lady, lady, lady



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### Answer

1. never
2. woman
3. with
4. went
5. cell
6. school
7. even
8. always
9. place
10. from
11. coward
12. though
13. needed
14. when
15. every
16. show
17. that
18. through
19. back
20. keep
21. things
22. childhood
23. gotta
24. plan
25. show