

You are appreciated

When I was a youngin' and ma mama had me
Seventeen years old kicked out on the streets
Though (1) at the time, I (2) thought I'd see her face
Ain't a woman alive that could take my mama's place
Suspended (3) 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 even 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 (4) 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 (5) as a crack theme, mama
You always 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 (6) mother on welfare, tell me how ya did it
There's no way I can pay you back
But the plan is to (7) you (8) Lunderstand you are appreciated



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

Dear mama, place no one above ya, sweet lady

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Now ain't nobody tell us it was fair
No love (9) 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 hung around with the Thugs, and even though (10) sold drugs
They (11) a young brother love
I moved out and started really hangin'
I needed money of my own so I started shaggin'
I ain't guilty 'cause, (12) 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 (13) necklace that I sent to you
'Cause when I was low you was there for me
And never left me alone (14) 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 (15) made miracles (16) thanksgivin'
But now the (17) got rough, here alone



And there's no way I can pay you back But my plan is to (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 liquor and I reminisce, 'cause through the drama I can (19)\_\_\_\_\_ depend 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ as a little kid To (21) me happy there's no limit to the (22) you did And all my childhood memories Are full of all the sweet things you did for me And (23)\_\_\_\_\_ though I act crazy I (24)\_\_\_\_\_ thank the Lord that you made me There are no words that can express how I feel You (25)\_\_\_\_\_ kept a secret, (26)\_\_\_\_ stayed real And I appreciate, how you raised me And all the extra (27)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (28)\_\_\_\_\_ everyday, gotta (29)\_\_\_\_ 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. back

- 2. never
- 3. from
- 4. mama
- 5. even
- 6. single
- 7. show
- 8. that
- 9. from
- 10. they
- 11. showed
- 12. even
- 13. diamond
- 14. because
- 15. mama
- 16. every
- 17. road
- 18. show
- 19. always
- 20. sick
- 21. keep
- 22. things
- 23. even
- 24. gotta
- 25. never
- 26. always
- 27. love
- 28. struggle
- 29. roll

## Fill in the gaps