# 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 (1) 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 (2) the other (3)	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 mama from a jail cell and high school elementa	ry?
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 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 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 (4)	you are appreciated

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

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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 (5) 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 hung around with the Thugs, and even though they sold drugs
They showed a young brother love
I moved out and started really hangin'
I needed (6) 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 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 (7) 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 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 always 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 sick 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 even though 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, always stayed real And I appreciate, how you raised me And all the extra love (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 plan is to show you that I understand you are appreciated

Lady, don't cha know we love ya? (10) l	ady
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. school
- 2. than
- 3. little
- 4. understand
- 5. love
- 6. money
- 7. work
- 8. know
- 9. that
- 10. Sweet

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