



## 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 never thought I'd see her face

Ain't a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 mama (2)\_\_\_\_\_ a (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ love

I moved out and started really hangin'

I needed 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' (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 road got rough, here alone



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You're tryin' to raise two bad (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 know we love ya? Sweet lady

And (11)\_\_\_\_\_ mama (12)\_\_\_\_\_ no one above ya, sweet lady

You are appreciated, don't cha (13)\_\_\_\_\_ we love ya?

Pour out some liquor and I reminisce, 'cause through the drama

I can (14)\_\_\_\_\_ (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ kid

To keep me happy there's no (17)\_\_\_\_\_ to the things you did

And all my childhood memories

Are full of all the sweet things you did for me

And even (18)\_\_\_\_\_ I act crazy

I gotta thank the Lord that you made me

There are no (19)\_\_\_\_\_ that can express how I feel

You never kept a secret, (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ on

It's a struggle everyday, gotta (22)\_\_\_\_\_ on



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Lady, don't cha know we (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 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



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### Answer

1. woman
2. from
3. jail
4. cell
5. single
6. above
7. away
8. brother
9. rent
10. kids
11. dear
12. place
13. know
14. always
15. depend
16. little
17. limit
18. though
19. words
20. always
21. hold
22. roll
23. show
24. love