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"Dear Mama"

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My mama showed me what love really means 17 years old she had to give up on her dreams Couldn't even go to college, she had so much to loose It ain't a woman alive that could fill my mama shoes Put ya life on the line, ya mama i know its painful That's why I had to let you know that I'm thankful Over the years i know I put you through a lot Seems like I'm starting more, the older that I got And even though it seems like things change, mama My love for you is still the same, mama It's hard raising a young, black male But you kept me on the right track I never seen a jail cell Now who'd think in elementary Hey! That these record labels would mention me one day Disrespectful to my school teachers, that's right Mama catch me, put a whoopin' to my backside You always was a black queen, mama And now you raised a young king, mama I finally understand I need you to survive You the backbone of my life I need you to be alive Without you here, then I might as well die You a angel sent from heaven You the reason that I'm fly You did what no other mother can The plan is to show you that I understand You are appreciated Lady, don't you know we love ya? Sweet lady Dear Mama Lady, place no one, sweet lady You are appreciated Lady, don't you know we love ya? Back then being pregnant young was rare

Still raised me yourself and had to raise me young was unfair But you made a way You never gave up Got your first job at Friday's and got payed up

I mean mugged any guy that tried to talk to ya Don't even look my mama way, I would a fought for ya They looked at me and laughed I was like ain't nothing funny My mind set was can't nobody take my mama from me Sorry if I was too overprotective of ya But that was my lil way of lettin you know I love ya One bedroom apartment, it was just you and I Late nights watching X-Files, you and I I always had the latest J's and the newest clothes All my friends always asked what kinda shoes are those You treated me like the young king I grew up to be But know I got a million kids looking up to me How does it feel to know that you the reason Looked how it all payed off, mama you the reason Yo kids always came first, even before you That's why I never ever put no one before you I counted on you every time You never let me down For those who thought you would fail, tell them look at me now You did what no other mother can And the plan is to show you that i understand You are appreciated Lady, don't you know we love ya? Sweet lady Dear mama Lady, place no one above ya, sweet lady You are appreciated Lady, don't you know we love you

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