## Throwback: Digital Underground-Same Song with 2Pac

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Digital Underground started their career in the late '80's with members Greg "Shock G" Jacobs, Jimi "Chopmaster J" Dright and Kenneth "Kenny- K" Waters. Their first single "Your Life's A Cartoon" was released independently in 1988 and it got them a deal with Tommy Boy Records. Their blatant use of '70's funk became a defining element of West Coast rap music. "The Humpty Dance" from 1990 that rode on the momentum created by "Doowutchyalike" the year before gave their Sex Packets album mainstream success and visibility. "Same Song" was the second single from the This is an E.P. Release and it marks Tupac Shakur's debut as a rapper. "Tie The Knot" was the other single and both songs were featured on the soundtrack for the movie "Nothing But Trouble." Sons of the P was their third album and it is notable for one of George Clinton's earliest appearances on a rap song for his contribution to "Sons of the P." DU was unique for their stance on body enhancement when they did the song "No Nose Job" also from this collection. The group would record eight projects in total with interesting singles along the way. The Body-Hat Syndrome featured an X-Rated video for "The Return Of The Crazy One" which raised their profile again but only temporarily. Future Rhythm from 1993 had two songs in "Food Fight" and "We Got More" with Del the Funkee Homosapien and The Luniz that gained placement on the "Don't Be A Menace In South Central While Drinking Juice In The Hood" soundtrack. In 2004 Shock-G released his critically acclaimed solo album Fear of a Mixed Planet. Digital Underground officially broke-up in 2008 and in 2010 a

compilation of unreleased material called *The Greenlight EP* was released.