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2 Pac’s “Keep ya head up” was released October 28, 1993 which is his hit single. The flow seems interesting as the song features R&B singer Dave Hollister. Moreover, different from most 1990s rappers, the flow it is gentle, but also sincere throughout the whole song. As this song was released on the time period of L.A riot, 2 Pac dedicates the song to the black women and Latasha Harlins who was victim of L.A riot by beginning the song by saying “ Dedicated to the memory of Latasha Harlins, it is still on”. The lyrics mainly deals with issue with women. While it was time period when rappers refer women as “bitches and hoes”, 2 Pac praises and respects women throughout the lyrics. One more special thing about this song is a production. Both of the beat and chorus was sampled. Beat was sampled from Zapp & Roger and chorus was sampled from the song “O-o-h Child” which makes 2 Pac’s song interesting.