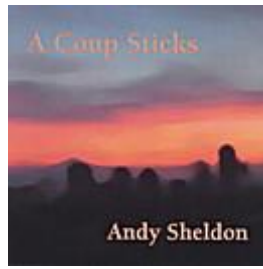


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This is lyrical and harmony-driven music with an episodic global beat/reggae regulate from the co-founder of road indie-rockers The Samples. 16 MP3 Songs ROCK: Modernistic Rock, POP: Folkly Pop A Coup Sticks Songs Details: My introduction to music began when my grandfather showed me his silver saxophone that he played during the Big Band Era. I took up the sax myself during grade school, but soon switched to the trombone and was in a marching band by junior high. In seventh grade I was in the swing band in Glen Ellyn, IL. I played in the pit orchestra for our school's production of 'Swinging High' starring Fareed Haque who is now a global famous jazz guitarist. I moved to Vermont for my high school years where I played tympani and percussion in the Burr and Burton school band. Near the end of my senior year I bought my first guitar and started learning chords from the back of a Grateful Dead songbook I found in a shack on top of Bromley mountain in Peru, Vermont, where I was working as a lift attendant. After high school I lived in Burlington for a year playing open mics before moving to Boulder, CO. It was here on an Easter Sunday years ago that The Samples played their first show. Our first self-titled album was released in 1990 on Arista Records. We also released several recordings on Boulder's independent label What Are Records?, and one on MCA. In our first road days, our blend of folk, rock and reggae had us playing with global class acts such as: The Wailers, Johnny Clegg, Black Uhuru, Aswad, Jimmy Cliff, Burning Spear, Steel Pulse, and more. The mid 90's saw us performing on a number of H.O.R.D.E. (Horizons of Rock Developing Everywhere) tours, which included several headlining dates. Other acts that we toured or played with include: Sting, The Dave Matthews Band, Toad the Wet Sprocket, Digable Planets, A Tribe Called Quest, Lisa Loeb, The Counting Crows, The Winebottles, Lenny Kravitz, Sonic Youth, P-Funk and many others. We also had many guest musicians over the years on our recordings. Both Branford Marsalis and DMB's Boyd Tinsley contributed musically

onstage as well as in the studio. We had a couple of television appearances including CNN's 'Showbiz Today' and 'The Tonight Show with Jay Leno'. Music of mine was used on the television show 'Melrose Place' and my alter ego album 'Hazard' was the soundtrack for an extreme skiing movie filmed in Valdez, AK and featured on the Fox Sports network. Many Samples' songs have been used in films by Warren Miller as well. I left The Samples in 2002 after a great run to pursue other interests and currently reside in Portland, Oregon. The music scene here is incredible and full of talent. I have been playing some acoustic shows around the northwest, along side some excellent players. I am still looking for the right folks to play with and eventually tour as a full band. My goal is to get back to all the places I used to go and see some new faces and hopefully some old familiar ones too.....

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