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## **Texas Platters**

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### **Radney Foster & The Confessions**

#### ***Revival (Devil's River)***

Ten years ago, with *See What You Want to See*, Radney Foster wrote about personal circumstances and struck a universal chord. *Revival* finds the Del Rio native again facing life-changing events and writing some of the best songs of his career. Foster's now dealing with the death of his father and a reunion with his son, who spent the past 12 years living in France. The opening one-two of the high revved "A Little Revival" and the wailed honesty of "Forgiveness" put the listener on alert. What follows is serious stuff, Foster laying out his guts without being overbearing or trite. "Angel Flight," a co-write with Darden Smith, is notable for its subject matter, a tribute to pilots who bring fallen soldiers home, as much as the donation of royalties to support families of the Texas National Guard. It's not gospel, but Foster's *Revival* is righteous testimony to the power of uncommon candor and ringing guitars.

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