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01. Keep Going 04:14 02. Wish I Knew You 04:34 03. Gold To Glass 03:56 04. It Was A Sin 04:54 05. Monster 04:44 06. King Of What 02:47 07. Stand Up 03:51 08. All In The Family 04:29 09. Move On 03:37 10. Need You 04:27 11. Amber 04:25 12. Bulletproof 04:12 13. Fade Away 05:14 14. Men Amongst Mountains 03:25 David Shaw - Vocals, Guitars Zack Feinberg - Guitars Ed Williams - Guitars George Gekas - Bass Michael Girardot -Keyboards, Trumpet Rob Ingraham - Saxophones Andrew Campanelli - Drums

It seems that The Revivalists aspire to be all bands to all fans. Though they outwardly appear like a swampy ensemble from New Orleans, the seven-piece outfit purvey a rootsy sound with all the natural zest their area of origin typically inspires. Not surprisingly then, their proficiency for rock, soul and R&B spans the usual racial parameters, without leaving any touchstones unturned when it comes to traversing a wide divide. Nevertheless, while its lofty title seems to suggest some sort of overarching ambitions, the music embodied in Men Amongst Mountains —The Revivalists' third effort in seven years—maintains an unassuming, down-home perspective that is neither pretentious nor pandering. Gritty shit-kicking rockers like "Keep Going" and "Wish I Knew You" find equal footing with the funk-fueled rallying cry of "Stand Up" and the soulful balladry that underscores "Fade Away." Indeed, in light of the nation's recent racial umbrage, America's citizenry could take a lesson from The Revivalists' ability to blur the boundaries. "They say every man is a king, a king of what?" singer David Shaw suggests on "King Of What," implying that worldly concerns put everyone on the same plain. On Men Amongst Mountains, those lofty ideals etch the bottom line. ---Lee Zimmerman, relix.com

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