Born in the musically-rich city of Memphis, Tennessee, Andy Childs began performing professionally at a local amusement park while he was still in high school. After studying music business at the University of Memphis, Childs spent ten years touring and song-writing, eventually landing a recording contract with RCA Records in Nashville. Andy recorded two albums for RCA, highlighted by guest appearances from Timothy B. Schmidt of the Eagles on background vocals, and Mac MacAnally, who added guitar and vocals to Andy's version of Mac's classic song 'Simple Life'. Three singles managed chart success, and the accompanying music videos received frequent airplay on CMT, TNN, GAC, MUCH Music (Canada), and CMT Europe. The video for 'Simple Life' reached the #1 spot on Billboard's country music video chart. Promotional touring took Andy on the road opening for Faith Hill, Martina McBride, Clint Black, Trisha Yearwood, Tanya Tucker, Charlie Daniels Band, and many other top country stars.

After three years with RCA, Andy Childs signed on as a staff songwriter for EMI Music, and then Windswept Music. With four other veteran musicians, Andy formed the band 'Sixwire', and the guys were immediately signed to Warner Brothers Records. Sixwire's Warner release debuted in the Top 30, and featured two hit singles and music videos. After a couple of years touring with Lonestar, SheDaisy, Tim McGraw, Sara Evans, and many others, Sixwire was invited to audition for a new television show being developed by the producers of American Idol...

In August of 2007, Andy Childs and Sixwire flew to Las Vegas to audition for American Idol's new show THE NEXT GREAT AMERICAN BAND, which would air on FOX in the fall. Sixwire had been selected from their video submission out of ...

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