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Nearly a year after the official studio re-release of one-man acoustic rock band Secondhand Serenade's debut album "Awake," John Vesely is back to broadcast his raw talent accompanied by a full band.

In Vesely's follow-up, "A Twist in My Story," he uses orchestration and more instruments, in contrast to using only his acoustic guitar, to showcase his growth as an artist and takes his trademark emotional ballads to the next level.

The 11-track album mixes songs that incorporate the full band, like "Stranger" and "Suppose," as well as bare tracks with like "Why," "Goodbye" and "A Twist in My Story."

The album also includes a fresh take on two songs that were on "Awake" – "Maybe" is transformed into an up-tempo song and "Your Call" is slowed down to focus more on Vesely's refined vocals. The standout track on "A Twist in My Story" is the first single, "Fall For You," which features Vesely on the piano and has a video circulating MTV's airwaves.

Secondhand Serenade's follow-up album is the perfect combination of sounds from Vesely's self-produced tracks to songs with advanced production. "A Twist in My Story" still contains the common element that makes Secondhand Serenade's fans swoon – his honest lyrics about life and love. This is just another chapter in Vesely's story. **DIG**