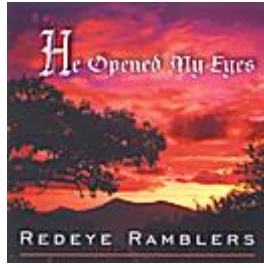


Mp3 The Redeye Ramblers - He Opened My Eyes



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and vocals) and Lori Little (fiddle and vocals), both natives of Asheville. Tom is a highly regarded banjo picker in western North Carolina and had played for a number of top groups, including the Nashville Grass and the Shenandoah Cut-Ups. We managed to coax Tom out of retirement to play with us. His powerful Scruggs- style banjo playing can be appreciated on these selections. Lori has not only upgrades the appearance of our band but also adds her fine fiddle playing to our sound. As you will see when you listen, she has a truly beautiful and inspirational voice as well. Our musical influences are those of the old masters, including Flatt and Scruggs, Bill Monroe, and the Stanley Brothers, as well as more recent influences. The wonderful lead and tenor singing of Russell Moore has had a major influence on me. We love performing our music for bluegrass fans in local venues and in churches. We derive great joy playing Gospel bluegrass, as it captures the traditional harmonies and rhythms so well. The title cut, He Opened My Eyes, our only original tune on this CD, is really an expression of my spiritual journey over the last several years. We are fortunate to have a lot of loyal friends and fans in western North Carolina who have supported us through our live performances, and we would like to thank them. We would like to thank our families who have encouraged and supported us in our efforts. We would also like to thank Eddie Swann at Regal Music Group who masterfully led us through the often-tiresome process of recording, editing, and producing this collection of songs. For me, as well as several of us, putting together a CD was an entirely new experience, and Eddie's patience and competence has greatly enhanced the end product. Finally, we acknowledge the presence of God in our lives as the giver of all of our creative gifts. David Troxler

The Redeye Ramblers Members of the Redeye Ramblers: Bob Reynolds, mandolin, guitar; lead, baritone, and bass vocals Tom McKinney, banjo; baritone and bass vocals Mark Canter, acoustic bass; lead and baritone vocals Lori Little, fiddle; lead and back up vocals David Troxler, guitar; lead and tenor vocals

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