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**Hayes Carll, WE'RE ONLY HUMAN.** In the past 30 years there has been a wondrous batch of Texans to invade the strongest singer-songwriter ranks. Or maybe it's been happening for the past near-100 years and not enough listeners are still alive to remind everyone now. But no matter what the parameters of that reality are, it's a known fact that Hayes Carll would be in their number. There is something so imaginative and permanent about him that it can give chills to listeners ready to fall under the Houstonian's powers. The wide-open emotionality in songs like "High," "One Day," "What I Will Be," "May I Never" and, hell, every other track here puts Carll in any Songwriter Hall of Fame in the country. These are originals that are capable of handing out chills at will, and tap right into the deepest parts of listeners with a surety that cannot be missed. And there's a powerful feeling that WE'RE ONLY HUMAN is the release to bring the man's sure-born greatness to a place to be fully noticed. Bluebonnets for everywhere.