

Brand New Day – The Cranberry Merchants 2021

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We're in a stadium, we're waiting for the headliners and we're waiting for a brand-new song, the guitar starts sounding chords and the lights go up – The Cranberry Merchants have arrived. Even better they have, indeed, arrived with a brand-new song – 'Brand New Day'.

The song instantly reminds me of 80's bands Republica and Fuzzbox, lots of guitar, lots of pounding drums, very similar to art-punk icons Adam and the Ants.

Dianne and Steve always create an energy with their songs and in 'Brand New Day' it never lets up. The angular chord structure pushes the song forwards whilst Dianne's vocal encourages audience participation especially in the chorus.

The middle section doesn't let up as drums and guitars continue to pound away brilliantly only stopping to give us a small break to punch the air. Clearly this would be a fantastic live song!

A good old-fashioned crash, bang and wallop end brings the song to a close, too quickly for me as I wanted a few more choruses.

It's no secret I'm a fan of the Cranberry Merchants therefore no surprise I'd want more. So, more songs quickly please!!