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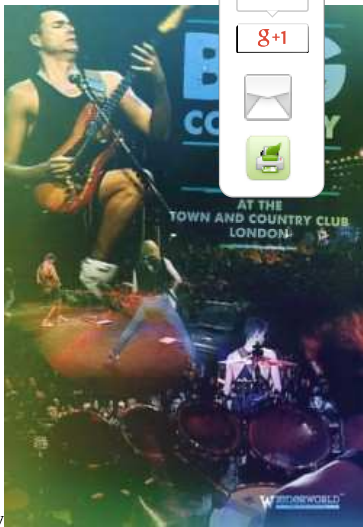
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Big Country: Live at the Town & Country Club London

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Big Country Live at the Town & Country Club London (Weinerworld)

Anytime I get to see Big Country live is a good time. I've followed them from the beginning and have loved pretty much everything they ever released. I'll admit that I was crushed when lead singer/guitarist Stuart Adamson killed himself and later when the band reformed and brought in Mike Peters from The Alarm to try to fill Adamson's shoes. It didn't work. The thing that always spoke to me with Big Country was they were truly a sum of their parts, four amazing parts that made a glorious whole.

This edited concert features an hour of some of their best material from the four albums they had under their belt at that time. The performance is good but lacking. In all honesty, this show features only 3/4 of Big Country as powerhouse drummer Mark Brzezicki was absent and the anemic Pat Ahern was doing his best to man the drum throne. As mentioned, Big Country was the sum of its parts and Brzezicki's tremendous presence behind the kit was monumental, without him in the fold, the songs took on a different feel.

1990 was a transition time for the band as they were trying to shed their "new wave" image and remain relevant to rock radio. While the performances still remain relatively true to their recordings, there is a muscle and an edge to the guitars that is a bit of a surprise to a fan's ears. Still, it's great to see Bruce, Stuart and Tony together and while it's not a defining live statement it is something worthwhile for the collection.

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