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Sadly long gone, here's a reminder of what a solidly great grandstanding guitar band Big Country were. Recorded in 1990, this DVD showcases the band at their best, and they always shone as a live act.

For the first half of this set, there's not one word from frontman Stuart Adamson, just a breakneck non-stop run through some of their most popular songs, including chart hits 'Fields Of Fire', 'In A Big Country', 'Look Away' and 'Wonderland'. Working to a packed and rapturous audience, the Celtic combo cruises, stomps, soars and shines.

Standout surprise is 'Broken Heart (Thirteen Valleys)' at the end of which Adamson actually relaxes, chatting and joking with the audience as he introduces 'Come Back To Me'. And suddenly he's alive, alight, ignited, a powerhouse frontman bouncing off both audience and band members. A remarkable and uniquely idiosyncratic guitarist, the late Adamson was the spirit, soul, songster and sound of Big Country.

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