

## New Order

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New Order opened with a new song from *Music Complete*, *Singularity*, a pulsating synth number overlaid with sombre, foreboding guitar. While not as engaging as some of their peerless pop songs, such as *Bizarre Love Triangle* and *True Faith*, the newer material slotted in well. However, it was the climax of the set that offered the most excitement. *Temptation* was the highlight of a swarm of indie dance classics. "Up down, turn around!" sang Bernard Sumner, and the crowd obliged. A fantastic rendition of *Love Will Tear Us Apart* followed, Sumner's voice less melancholic than Ian Curtis' ➤

and demanding dancing by the masses.

Full of pop and post-punk classics that illustrate the influence of New Order, this was an incredible career-spanning offering by one of Manchester's greatest bands.

*Joe Young*