

6 Read. Put the essay in the correct order (1-5) and label each paragraph's purpose. Then listen and check.  6-08

Overall, this was a strong performance from an artist who has just started doing solo work. If he can strengthen his lyrics, there's a good chance he could become as successful as he was with his former band.

The performance is part of Adamson's first solo tour. He's promoting his new album, *Human Conditions*. The 32-year-old is an experienced rock star and has sold millions of records with his former band. But this tour is the first time his fans get to see him alone on stage.

Perhaps the biggest weakness for Adamson is his lyrics. While he did sing with lots of feeling, most of the words to his songs were simplistic, predictable, and boring. The lack of depth was by far the most disappointing aspect of his work.

As for his solo skills, there is no doubt Adamson is extremely charismatic and energetic. He sings his songs with real passion, and there is a certain honesty to his performance that the fans adore.

Deray Adamson stands on the stage. Thousands of fans scream his name. He seems not to notice, completely absorbed in the sounds coming from his guitar. This scene looks as though it has been taken from the 1960s, the golden age of rock 'n' roll. But actually, it was last Thursday, at The Hope and Anchor: a top-billing music venue.