

ZOMBIE

The Cranberries

Arrangement for 5 Female Singers • Full Band

KEY: Em | TEMPO: ~95 BPM | TIME: 4/4

[INTRO]

Em C G D/F# (x4)

[VERSE 1]

Em C G D/F#
Another head hangs lowly, child is slowly taken

Em C G D/F#
And the violence caused such silence, who are we mistaken

Em C
But you see it's not me, it's not my family

G D/F#
In your head, in your head, they are fighting

Em C
With their tanks and their bombs and their bombs and their guns

G D/F#
In your head, in your head, they are crying

[CHORUS]

Em C G D/F#
In your head, in your head, zombie, zombie, zombie

Em C G D/F#
What's in your head, in your head, zombie, zombie, zombie

[INSTRUMENTAL]

Em C G D/F# (x2)

[VERSE 2]

Em C G D/F#
Another mother's breaking heart is taking over

Em C G D/F#
When the violence causes silence, we must be mistaken

Em C
It's the same old theme since 1916

G D/F#
In your head, in your head, they're still fighting

Em C
With their tanks and their bombs and their bombs and their guns

G D/F#
In your head, in your head, they are dying

[CHORUS]

Em C G D/F#
In your head, in your head, zombie, zombie, zombie

Em C G D/F#
What's in your head, in your head, zombie, zombie, zombie

[INSTRUMENTAL BREAK]

Em C G D/F# (x2)

Em C Em C (x2)

[GUITAR SOLO]

Em C G D/F# (x3)

[OUTRO]

Em C Em C

Em C Em

ARRANGEMENT NOTES FOR YOUR BAND

5 FEMALE SINGERS:

- **Verses:** Lead singer takes main melody. Other 4 singers can add subtle harmonies underneath or come in on the "In your head" sections for texture.
- **Chorus:** All 5 singers on "zombie" chant — layer the voices for power and impact.
- **Build:** Start verse sparse, add voices as it progresses toward chorus.

INSTRUMENTATION:

- **Guitar:** Em-C-G-D/F# progression is your anchor. Keep it hypnotic and driving.
- **Bass:** Follow the guitar progression, but add low-end weight on the Em and C chords.
- **Drums:** Keep a steady, relentless beat. Build intensity through the verses, explode on the chorus.
- **Keys (if used):** Atmospheric pads under verses. Bigger presence on chorus.

PERFORMANCE TIPS:

- This song thrives on **atmosphere and tension** — don't rush it.
- The "zombie" chant is YOUR signature moment — make it count with all 5 voices locked in.
- Dark, moody energy. Think haunting rather than heavy.
- Pro tip: Have 1-2 singers drop out in certain sections to create dynamics.