

= A New Day Has Come =

A New Day Has Come is the seventh English @-@ language studio album by Canadian singer Celine Dion , released by Sony Music Entertainment on March 22 , 2002 . It was her first new studio album since 1997 's Let 's Talk About Love . Dion returned to the music scene after a two @-@ year hiatus when she gave birth to her first child . She collaborated on A New Day Has Come with various producers , including Anders Bagge and Peer Åström for the first time . Dion 's long @-@ time producer and friend , David Foster , did not appear on this album . A New Day Has Come garnered mostly positive reviews from the music critics , who noticed that Dion explores a " broader , more adventurous " range of pop music and " dips its toe " into modern music , particularly dance ( " Sorry for Love " ) . However , the album also contains the usual adult contemporary songs , including power ballads like " I Surrender " and " Have You Ever Been in Love , " or the title track . Critics also praised " Ten Days , " " Goodbye 's ( The Saddest Word ) , " " I 'm Alive , " " When the Wrong One Loves You Right , " " The Greatest Reward , " and two covers : " Nature Boy " and " At Last . "

A New Day Has Come became a commercial success throughout the world and entered number one in more than seventeen countries . It has sold 3 @.@ 3 million units in the United States and was certified three @-@ times Platinum by the RIAA . In Canada , after shipping 600 @,@ 000 copies , the album was certified six @-@ times Platinum . The IFPI certified it three @-@ times Platinum for selling three million units in Europe . Overall , A New Day Has Come has sold twelve million copies worldwide . The first single , " A New Day Has Come " was released in March 2002 and peaked inside the top ten in Canada and Europe . In the United States , it reached number twenty @-@ two on the Billboard Hot 100 and broke the record for most weeks at number one on the Hot Adult Contemporary Tracks chart , staying on top for twenty @-@ one weeks . The next single , " I 'm Alive " was issued in August 2002 and also peaked inside the top ten in numerous European countries . The last commercial single , " Goodbye 's ( The Saddest Word ) " was released in November 2002 and performed moderately on the charts , reaching the top forty in Europe .

= = Background = =

After the farewell millennium concert on December 31 , 1999 in Montreal , Dion decided to take a break from the public scene for two years to focus on her family . On January 25 , 2001 , she gave birth to René @-@ Charles Angelil , her first son . Since then , she had performed publicly only a handful of times , including September 21 , 2001 , when she sang a live rendition of " God Bless America " at the America : A Tribute to Heroes telethon honoring victims of the September 11 attacks , and September 28 for Montreal 's companion fund @-@ raiser , A Show for Life , singing " L 'amour existe encore . "

According to Dion , the album 's title , A New Day Has Come , acknowledged a new chapter in her life and career . However , she was also deeply affected by the events of September 11 and wanted the words to serve as a reminder of the tragedy . " It represents my child , because I gave life , " Dion said . " Obviously , it also marks my return with a new album . But a new day has also come in the lives of other people because something bad has happened , because we 've lost lives , because there 's a scar on our world now . " Dion struggled over an appropriate image for the cover of the album , feeling that a portrait reflecting her good fortune was in poor taste . She suggested to Sony Music Entertainment that the album cover not include her picture . However , after much discussion , the photo shoot for A New Day Has Come took place in Montreal in late December 2001 with well @-@ renowned photographer Melvin Sokolsky . On January 30 and 31 , 2002 an additional photo session for the album took place in Florida , on a beach near Dion 's home by the French photographer Patrick Demarchelier . The album cover for A New Day Has Come by Demarchelier was released on February 28 , 2002 .

René Angélil , Dion , and the Sony family began selecting prospective songs at the beginning of 2001 , and on August 28 , 2001 she started recording vocal tracks for nearly two dozen songs at

Montreal 's Piccolo Studios . Because of Dion 's unwillingness to leave her seven @-@ month @-@ old baby , the album 's collaborators traveled to Montreal . " I didn 't feel the pressure to try and outdo anything , " Dion said of her time in the studio . " I proved myself before , so now I can enjoy . I was relaxed , I just let go . It was such a pleasure . " The album was scheduled for release internationally on March 25 , 2002 and in North America on March 26 , 2002 . However , it was first released in Australia , on March 22 , 2002 .

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Most of the producers of the album had worked with Dion before : Walter Afanasieff , Kristian Lundin , Andreas Carlsson , Christopher Neil , Guy Roche , Robert John " Mutt " Lange , Ric Wake , Aldo Nova , Simon Franglen and Humberto Gatica . The new ones included Swedish musicians Anders Bagge , Peer Åström and Arnthor Birgisson , French singer Gérald de Palmas and the US producer Steve Morales . A New Day Has Come showcases Dion 's traditional themes of love and hope . She sings ballads alongside several uptempo pop tracks and a pair of standards . The album contains sixteen tracks on the North American version and seventeen on the international editions , including " Super Love . "

It features " A New Day Has Come , " the title track , which for Dion represents the birth of her child but " it can mean different things for anyone who has to find strength again ; " I 'm Alive " , " fun " and " fresh " song from the team that wrote " That 's the Way It Is ; " " I Surrender , " the album 's " bombastic , heart @-@ pounding " ballad which has become a popular song choice for contestants on reality television singing competitions like American Idol ; " Sorry for Love , " a dance number written and produced by the Swedish team , co @-@ written by Kara DioGuardi ; " Have You Ever Been in Love , " a power ballad also written and produced by Bagge and Åström ; " Goodbye 's ( The Saddest Word ) , " an emotional ballad about the death of one 's mother which Dion first heard three years prior but turned it down at that time ; " Nature Boy , " a 1947 song made popular by Nat King Cole that features Dion accompanied only by piano as originally foreseen symphonic orchestration was not added ; " At Last , " a gospel @-@ tinged number first recorded by Glenn Miller in 1941 ; " Ten Days , " a rock @-@ oriented adaptation of " Tomber " ( 2000 ) by Gérald de Palmas which was recorded at the last minute after Dion heard the original French version ; " The Greatest Reward , " an adaptation of " L 'envie d 'aimer " ( 2000 ) from the French musical Les Dix Commandements , performed originally by Daniel Lévi ; and " Aun Existe Amor , " a Spanish @-@ language version of Dion 's French song " L 'amour existe encore . "

= = = Special editions = = =

On November 11 , 2002 in Europe and November 19 , 2002 in North America , Sony Music Entertainment released a Limited Edition of A New Day Has Come , which includes the original album , as well as a bonus DVD featuring the " I 'm Alive " video , a preview of Dion 's Las Vegas show A New Day ... as well as two previously unreleased tracks , " Coulda Woulda Shoulda " and " All Because of You . " The North American Limited Edition includes longer version of " The Greatest Reward " lasting 4 : 04 , instead of original 3 : 28 . On January 29 , 2008 , Legacy Recordings released a Collector 's Edition of A New Day Has Come with bonus DVD . The CD contains sixteen tracks from the North American version of the album , including extended version of " The Greatest Reward , " and the DVD features four music videos , and behind the scenes footage from making of the album and the " A New Day Has Come " video .

= = Promotion = =

Dion actively promoted the album , including various television show appearances and concerts . Her A New Day Has Come television special was taped on March 3 , 2002 at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles and aired on CBS on April 7 , 2002 . During the show Dion performed " A New Day Has Come , " " I 'm Alive , " " At Last , " " Have You Ever Been in Love , " " Nature Boy " and a

movie medley with the songs " Because You Loved Me " , " " Beauty and the Beast " " in duet with Brian McKnight and " My Heart Will Go On . " She also sang " Aun Existe Amor " and " Goodbye 's ( The Saddest Word ) , " but both songs were not broadcast . Destiny 's Child joined her to perform together the " Emotion / When the Wrong One Loves You Right " medley . On March 17 , 2002 Dion taped La spéciale Céline Dion in Paris , France to promote the album in Francophone countries . This television special was broadcast on March 30 , 2002 on TF1 . During the show she performed " A New Day Has Come , " " Pour que tu m 'aimes encore " in duet with Jean @-@ Jacques Goldman , " Sous le vent " in duet with Garou , " Au bout de mes rêves " with Garou , Pascal Obispo , Gérald de Palmas and Jean @-@ Jacques Goldman , " Ten Days " in duet with Gérald de Palmas , " I 'm Alive , " " On ne change pas " and " The Greatest Reward . "

Dion along with Cher , Mary J. Blige , Shakira and the Dixie Chicks headlined the VH1 Divas Las Vegas , which was hosted by Ellen DeGeneres and held in the MGM Grand Las Vegas . The concert was broadcast live on VH1 on May 23 , 2002 to benefit the VH1 Save The Music Foundation , a non @-@ profit organization dedicated to promoting music and education programs in schools . Other special guest performers included : Anastacia , Stevie Nicks , Cyndi Lauper and Whitney Houston . Dion opened the show performing the AC / DC 's hit " You Shook Me All Night Long " in duet with Anastacia . Later , she sang " A New Day Has Come " and " I 'm Alive . " For the finale , the divas performed a special Elvis Presley medley which included " Can 't Help Falling in Love " sung by Dion . The concert was released on CD and DVD in October 2002 .

On September 14 , 2002 Dion performed at the charity Concert for World Children 's Day , which took place at the Arie Crown Theater in Chicago and was under the supervision of David Foster . It was broadcast on ABC on November 14 , 2002 . She sang " That 's the Way It Is , " " My Heart Will Go On , " " The Prayer " in duet with Josh Groban and " Goodbye 's ( The Saddest Word ) . " For the finale , Dion joined other artists to perform with them " Aren 't They All Our Children . " The concert was released on DVD in December 2002 . On October 10 , 2002 , Dion taped in Paris her second television special for Francophone viewers , entitled Céline Dion à tout prix . She performed " I 'm Alive , " " Pour que tu m 'aimes encore , " " L 'envie d 'aimer " in duet with Daniel Lévi and " Ten Days / Tomber " medley with Gérald de Palmas . Dion also performed " Woman in Love " in duet with Natasha St @-@ Pier and joined Lââm to sing Stayin ' Alive . " The special was broadcast on November 22 , 2002 on M6 .

= = Singles = =

The first single , " A New Day Has Come " premiered on the radio on February 6 , 2002 . The music video was shot in mid @-@ February 2002 in West Palm Beach , Florida and directed by Dave Meyers . It premiered on March 13 , 2002 and the CD single was released outside the United States at the same time . " A New Day Has Come " became a top ten hit in Canada and Europe , including number seven in the United Kingdom . In the United States , it was released as an airplay @-@ only track , which led to its peak position on the Billboard Hot 100 at number twenty @-@ two . However , on the U.S. Hot Adult Contemporary Tracks , the song broke the record for most weeks at number one , staying on top for twenty @-@ one weeks . Also directed by Meyers , the music video for next single , " I 'm Alive " was filmed in late May 2002 in Los Angeles and the song was serviced to radio stations on June 7 , 2002 . At the same time , two remixes of " I 'm Alive " premiered : Humberto Gatica Mix and The Wake Up Mix . The music video debuted on June 27 , 2002 . " I 'm Alive " was also featured in the soundtrack for the movie Stuart Little 2 and the CD single was released in early August 2002 in Europe , Australia and Canada . The song peaked inside the top ten in various European countries which led to its number two position on the European Hot 100 Singles . In the United States , it reached number six on the Hot Adult Contemporary Tracks . The third and last commercial single , " Goodbye 's ( The Saddest Word ) " was released to radio on October 10 , 2002 . The music video was filmed in the Château d 'Aunoy castle in France in mid @-@ October 2002 and directed by Chris Applebaum . It premiered on November 21 , 2002 and the CD single was released at the same time in Europe , reaching the top forty in various countries . On the U.S. Hot Adult Contemporary Tracks , " Goodbye 's ( The Saddest Word ) " peaked at number twenty

@-@ seven .

Sony Music Entertainment released also two promotional singles in the United States : " Aun Existe Amor " and " At Last . " The first one was issued after Dion performed the song at the Billboard Latin Music Awards in May 2002 where she was honoured with a special award for " My Heart Will Go On , " which was the first English @-@ language song to top Billboard 's Hot Latin Tracks chart . " At Last " was sent to the adult contemporary radio stations in December 2002 and peaked at number sixteen on the Hot Adult Contemporary Tracks . Although not changed , " Have You Ever Been in Love " was also included on Dion 's next album , One Heart and released as a single in April 2003 . The song spent fourteen weeks at number two on the Hot Adult Contemporary Tracks in the United States .

= = Critical reception = =

The album garnered generally positive reviews from music critics . Chuck Taylor from Billboard gave it a favorable review , saying that Dion explores a " broader , more adventurous " range of pop music . Among the highlights , he mentioned " Sorry for Love " where Dion " dishes out her first all @-@ out dance anthem " and holds a twelve second " authentic note that puts the " d " in diva , " " I 'm Alive " and " When the Wrong One Loves You Right , " which he described as " hitworthy uptempo gems , " the rock @-@ leaning " Ten Days , " and a Spanish track , " Aun Existe Amor . " According to Taylor , Dion does not disappoint with ballads like the " rafter @-@ shaking " " I Surrender " where she sings of " forbidden love amid a firestorm of utterly volcanic instrumentation " and " The Greatest Reward , " and two standards ? the " diamond @-@ dipped " " Nature Boy " and gospel " At Last . " He called the album the most " versatile and gratifying " Dion 's recording yet . Larry Flick , also from Billboard wrote about another song , " Have You Ever Been in Love " that " at a time when music is frightfully aggressive and the world at large is fraught with turmoil , a classic Dion power ballad is a warm source of comfort . " The track " builds from a gentle , piano @-@ laced opening into a deliciously theatrical , string @-@ framed climax . " All along , Dion offers an " appealing palette of vocal colors that range from delicate and breathy to full @-@ bodied and appropriately dramatic . "

Chuck Taylor also reviewed all three singles from the album . He wrote that the life @-@ affirming " A New Day Has Come " " comes off like a gentle exhale against the world 's ills . " The Ric Wake Radio Remix of " A New Day Has Come " opens with an " Enya @-@ inspired whisper before a shuffle skips in and lifts the song upward like a dove gracefully taking flight . " The Album Edit " comes sans the beat , allowing Dion 's performance alone to fully color the message . " According to him , on both versions Dion " embraces a particularly restrained performance ? dramatic enough to steer the track 's emotion , but still delicate to offer comfort . " " I 'm Alive " demonstrates a stylistic " left turn , with its throbbing tribal rhythms and a loose , sky @-@ grazing vocal from Dion . " The " percolating " Humberto Gatica Mix " adds juice " to the Album Version , while the uptempo Wake Up Mix , with assistance from Ric Wake and Richie Jones , is Dion 's most " inspired and festive " remix to date , with Blondie 's " Heart of Glass " woven into the beat to " splendid effect . " Taylor criticized the choice of the third single , " Goodbye 's ( The Saddest Word ) , " a ballad relegated solely to adult contemporary radio stations . He noticed that the song is " devastatingly beautiful , " offering a loving tribute to one 's mother at death 's door and that Dion " delivers it with a heaving helping of passion , emotionally drawing one 's attention to the devotional message . " Although he felt that many will connect to the loss of a parent , on a commercial level , this was a disappointing decision . According to Taylor , songs like " Sorry for Love " and " When the Wrong One Loves You Right " were primed for radio airplay and dancefloor remixes and were ideal candidates for release .

Stephen Thomas Erlewine of AllMusic gave the album three and a half out of five stars saying that its construction is " as perfect as it could be . " It doesn 't " deviate " from Dion 's mainstream audience , yet it " dips its toe " into modern music , particularly dance , while " keeping hip " ( " Nature Boy " ) . Although Erlewine described " Rain , Tax ( It 's Inevitable ) " as " bizarre , " he wrote that " there 's really nothing to fault it on , actually , " the album is " more ambitious than it needs to be , covers more stylistic territory than any other Dion record , while never abandoning the middle

@-@ of @-@ the @-@ road ; it 's a balancing act that nobody since Barbra Streisand has been able to pull off . " According to Erlewine , the songs aren 't " that particularly memorable , " " the mood shifts effortlessly , it never seems to stay in one place , " but it " never catches hold , either . " Sal Cinquemani from Slant Magazine gave A New Day Has Come three out of five stars . According to him , Dion is great at what she does and " if she ever tried anything too edgy she 'd probably just sound foolish . " Cinquemani disliked " Rain , Tax ( It 's Inevitable ) " but praised " Sorry for Love " on which Dion " gets the Cher treatment , " an unexpected " change of pace that actually works . " Among other highlights he mentioned two covers , a " soulful " rendition of " At Last " and a " simple and moving " arrangement of " Nature Boy . " He also noticed that the album is " packed " with the usual adult contemporary songs : " I Surrender , " a power ballad " only a singer with Dion 's voice could pull off , " " Ten Days , " the guitar @-@ driven " catchy pop @-@ rocker with a surprisingly edgy vocal , " " Goodbye 's ( The Saddest Word ) , " a track featuring Shania Twain on backing vocals that " will leave you nauseous or in tears , " " I 'm Alive , " the " uplifting " midtempo number and " A New Day Has Come , the " stirring " title track .

Ken Tucker of Entertainment Weekly gave the album B ? . He felt that A New Day Has Come was " over @-@ arranged " by producers , which works " against Dion 's enthusiasm for the wonders of babies and innocence . " Nevertheless , he praised the " jaunty disco " of " Sorry for Love , " and " Have You Ever Been in Love " which " builds in intensity to sound like " a James Bond movie theme as delivered by Barbra Streisand . " Tucker described " Rain , Tax ( It 's Inevitable ) " as the most " idiosyncratic " and " idiomatic " song that Dion has ever recorded . According to the positive review from Mike Ross of Jam ! , A New Day Has Come " picks up where Falling into You left off . " Dion 's album is a full of " bombast , melodrama and soaring love ballads indistinguishable from anything she 's ever done . " Attempts at modernity are " spotty , " though " welcome . " Ross noticed that ballads are the strongest tracks on the album and praised " Goodbye 's ( The Saddest Word ) , " with " two soaring key changes " in the same song , which is then launched into a " high Earth orbit of melodrama by an orchestra that would make John Williams blush with envy . " Barnes & Noble also gave the album favorable review and wrote that the new songs reveal a more " spiritual " and " edgier " Dion . They praised the " uplifting " title track , " heartfelt , country @-@ tinged " " Goodbye 's ( The Saddest Word ) , " " anthemic , gospel choir @-@ accented ballad " " Prayer , " " bluesy , honky @-@ tonk rocker " " Ten Days , " " soaring ballad " " Have You Ever Been in Love , " and " solid renditions " of " Nature Boy " and " At Last . "

= = Commercial reception = =

Dion earned two career achievements with the debut of A New Day Has Come in the United States . It became her first album to open at number @-@ one on the Billboard 200 ? her fourth number @-@ one overall ? and it set a personal best for first @-@ week sales ( 558 @,@ 000 units ) . Previously , 1997 's Let 's Talk About Love sold 334 @,@ 000 in its first week , while 1999 's All the Way ... A Decade of Song opened with 303 @,@ 000 . The 558 @,@ 000 tally became Dion 's third largest one @-@ week total , following 640 @,@ 000 units of All the Way ... A Decade of Song and 624 @,@ 000 copies of Let 's Talk About Love , both during Christmas periods . In the second week , A New Day Has Come fell to number two selling 263 @,@ 000 copies . It stayed there for another week with sales of 226 @,@ 000 units . For the next two weeks , A New Day Has Come occupied the number three position and sold 163 @,@ 000 and 114 @,@ 000 copies respectively . In the sixth week , it fell to number six selling 101 @,@ 000 units and in the seventh week it climbed to number two with 143 @,@ 000 copies sold . A New Day Has Come spent ten weeks inside the top ten on the Billboard 200 . On the list of best selling albums of 2002 in the United States , it reached number 12 with sales of 2 @,@ 645 @,@ 000 units . In January 2003 , it was certified three @-@ times Platinum by the RIAA and as of December 5 , 2010 , it has sold 3 @,@ 307 @,@ 000 copies in the United States .

In Canada , A New Day Has Come debuted at number @-@ one , selling 151 @,@ 600 copies ? more than ten times her nearest competition , Shakira 's Laundry Service ( 12 @,@ 200 ) . It stayed at number @-@ one for seven straight weeks marking Dion 's longest run at number @-@ one ,

beating the six @-@ week reign of The Colour of My Love . It was certified six @-@ times Platinum by the CRIA . A New Day Has Come topped the charts in most European countries and was certified Multi @-@ Platinum , Platinum and Gold . After selling three million copies in Europe and spending seven weeks at number @-@ one on the European Top 100 Albums , it was certified three @-@ times Platinum by the IFPI . A New Day Has Come also peaked at number @-@ one in Australia and New Zealand and was certified two @-@ times Platinum in both countries .

The album entered number one in more than seventeen countries , becoming the biggest debut of 2002 . The commercial success of A New Day Has Come led to its fifth position on the list of best selling albums of 2002 , according to the IFPI . It has sold twelve million copies worldwide .

= = Awards = =

In 2003 , Dion won the American Music Award for Favorite Adult Contemporary Artist and was nominated for Favorite Pop / Rock Female Artist . She also won Billboard Music Award for Hot Adult Contemporary Artist and was nominated for Top Pop Catalog Artist and Hot Adult Contemporary Track ( " A New Day Has Come " ) . Dion also won the following awards : Félix Award for Artist of the Year Achieving the Most Success in a Language Other Than French , IFPI Hong Kong Top Sales Music Award for Best Selling Foreign Release ( A New Day Has Come ) , Arion Music Award for Best Selling International Album ( A New Day Has Come ) and Dragon Award for International Female Artist of the Year . " A New Day Has Come " also won ASCAP Pop Award and BMI Pop Award for Most Performed Song , and three SOCAN Awards in categories : Pop Music , International Achievement and Classic Songs . Dion was also nominated for four Juno Awards of 2003 , including : Artist of the Year , Fan Choice Award , Album of the Year ( A New Day Has Come ) and Single of the Year ( " A New Day Has Come " ) . Nominations for other awards include : People 's Choice Award for Favourite Female Musical Performer , Echo Award for International Female Artist of the Year and MuchMoreMusic Award for " A New Day Has Come " music video .

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Credits taken from AllMusic .

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