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Cranberries add sauce to Christmas

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LOCAL pop sensations, The Cranberries, were given a royal welcome when they touched down at Shannon Airport last evening as sales of their first album, *Everybody Else Is Doing It So Why Can't We*, topped the

million mark.

Limousines awaited to ferry the four members of the group, lead singer Dolores O'Riordan of Ballybricken; drummer Fergal Lawlor of Parteen and guitarist brothers, Mike and Noel Hogan from Moyross as parents, relatives and friends, still stunned by the band's phenomenal success in America, mingled with a

large media presence.

Hugs, handshakes and bouquet presentations took place as the Limerick four-some, who are reputed to be the first band in the world to sell 1 million copies of their first album, emerged from customs to be greeted by an exuberant reception.

The band will be appearing in a sell-out concert at the Theatre Royal on Friday night having earlier been given a Mayoral reception at the City Hall.



Proud mother Ann Hogan, from Moyross, with her two sons, Mike and Noel, members of The Cranberries, pictured on their arrival at Shannon Airport this Tuesday. (LL)