

JUST LIKE every healthy American boy, David Cassidy has had his share of kisses. Some were little boy kisses of respect, love and gratitude and some were stolen kisses with high school sweethearts. Some were more mature kisses of trust and caring and still others were theatrical kisses in front of a camera. But David remembers them all. And he truly cherishes those memories.

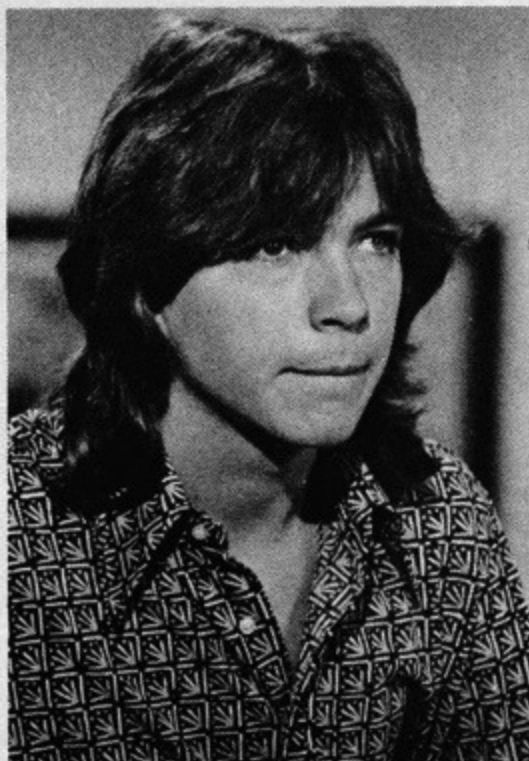
"I guess the first kiss I really remember giving someone was my mother," says David. "I can still see myself running into her arms after the police brought me home from my little wandering expedition in Rutherford, New Jersey. She'd been worried sick and I was pretty upset, too. We just showered one another with kisses of relief, joy and love."

David had a few other experiences when he was very young that ended in a shower of kisses. A year or so after he "ran away" when he was about five, he was accidentally hit in the head with a golf club. It was a very terrifying experience for him and his parents because he was nearly blinded by the blow! It took more than many loving kisses from his parents to make everything better that time, but they did help.

When David thinks about the special kisses in the past, he always recalls those he shared with his grandmother. He was very young then, too, and he and his mother were living with his grandparents in New Jersey. David often recalls those special days—the days his grandmother baked his favorite kind of cookies, the days she sat down with him to read his favorite story and the days she patiently and very lovingly spent teaching him to play the piano. And those days always ended with a grateful grandson's kiss.

By the time David reached high school, he was living in Los Angeles. It was then that a whole new world began to open for him—the world of girls. Though he admits he was a little afraid of girls at first and a bit shy around them, it didn't stop him from enjoying their company.

"I'll never forget my first real date,"



he confesses,"—and the first time I kissed a girl goodnight. I was really nervous and a little embarrassed because I just didn't know how she would react. But I got over it. If you kiss a girl to show her that you like her and enjoyed her company very much, she's usually rather pleased and you both feel good."

Throughout his high school days, then later when he was first breaking into show business, and even now that he's established himself in his career, David's enjoyed meeting and dating girls. Though his busy schedule keeps him quite active now and he doesn't find too much time for social life, he does try to date whenever he gets the opportunity. And in all this time you can be sure he's shared a good number of kisses worth remembering.

"But I really don't like to talk about that," he admits. "I'm not the kind of guy who'll kiss and tell. Sure, I've dated a lot of girls—some more seriously than others. And sure, I've had my share of kisses. But that's something very personal. That's something that concerns me and each particular girl."

At the moment, David says he doesn't have one particular girlfriend and has no plans for marriage anywhere in the near future. So at the moment, the kisses he shares with the girls he

dates are very private and not talked about.

But in recent years David has shared some kisses that are not so private—some that you may even have seen.

"I really haven't gotten to do too many kissing scenes yet," says David. "So when one comes up in a script, it's kind-of special to me. I remember the first one I had. The girl and I laughed—you know, that nervous kind of laugh—and we had to do it over a couple of times. But I got over that, too. It's part of my job."

Now when David has to do a kissing scene—especially if it's with a young actress who's having her first screen kiss—he tries to talk with the girl and maybe joke about something before they get in front of the camera. That really helps relax them both. David's learned that kissing on camera is just like anything else he does on camera—even though it is one of the nicer things.

And there are still other kisses in David's life he remembers and cherishes very much.

"I've always believed that a kiss is something very important—something special between two people," he says. "So it really touched me the first time I walked on stage to do a concert and the audience was filled with wonderful girls who were all throwing me kisses. More than anything else, I wanted to return them all—personally. Though I know there's no way I can, I'd like all those great girls in all those audiences to know I love and care for them as much as they seem to do me."

Yes, David's life has certainly been filled with many of warm and memorable kisses. But maybe the one that's most important at this very moment is the special one he's sending to you to say thank you. So close your eyes . . . and enjoy.

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