

DAVID'S AFTER-DARK CONFESSIONS

BETWEEN the hours of dusk and dawn—when most of the world is sleeping—David Cassidy is sometimes very much awake and lost in deep thought. After-dark is just about the only time David has to relax and think about his life and the direction it's taking. That's when he makes some very secret confessions to himself, both about his past and his future.

David's thoughts often take him back to the time when he first got interested in show business. He was about three years old when he saw his father, actor-singer Jack Cassidy, performing for the first time. David was very much impressed and decided right then that entertaining was for him, too.

"I used to go around the house singing all the time," he remembers. "I even used to sing myself to sleep some nights!"

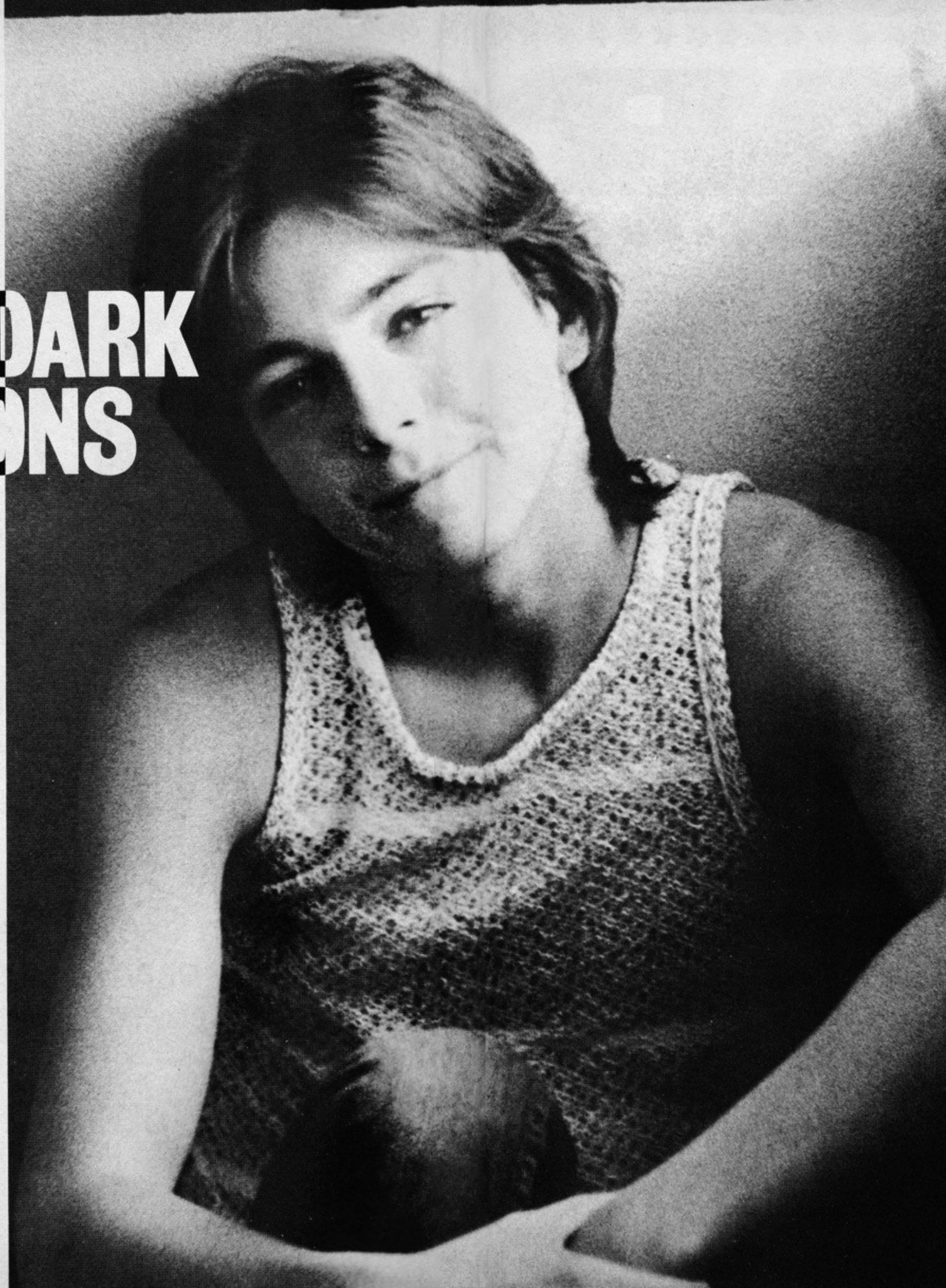
David smiles as he recalls the song he used to sing himself to sleep with. "It was 'Silent Night.' I remember singing it once in a pageant at church. I did it solo and it was a real ego-builder. I guess that's why I sang it when it was dark at night and I was alone."

But in those quiet after-dark hours now, David doesn't sing himself to sleep. Sometimes he's very deep in thought about his acting career. He remembers his early acting classes in Los Angeles and his first stage appearance in "And So To Bed." He also recalls his musical comedy study in New York and his first Broadway show.

Though David's proven himself time and again as a good actor, he admits that music has become his prime interest. Now, he not only sings, but he writes music and plays guitar as well.

"That's why I feel I'm really lucky to have the opportunity to combine both acting and music in 'The Partridge Family,'" he says happily. "Not every performer has the chance to do everything he loves in just one show," he continues, "and I'm very grateful."

But being a star of both records and TV can have its drawbacks, as David knows. For one thing, David finds himself so busy now that he seldom has time for any personal life. Being in the limelight may be great for his career, but it's a big drain on his privacy.



"Sometimes I find myself wondering what people really think of me," he confesses. "It's funny . . . you find things being said about you—things that aren't true—and suddenly you have a whole different image."

But David knows this is all part of the career he's chosen and he tries not to let it get him down too much. He has enough confidence in his fans to know that his real image is coming through—and most important—that his work really is good.

"Finding someone to share my life and everything with will also be important to me someday in the future," he admits. "But right now I don't have the time—or even the privacy—to get serious with any one girl. I do date as often as I can and I have lots of good friends who are girls, but it's all just very casual."

David's after-dark confessions to himself don't only concern his work and his social life—they concern the big world, too.

"I'm very worried about what we're doing to our environment," he says seriously. "Sometimes when I wake up in the morning, I can't even see the city. People look up and say 'it's bad today'—but when you see it as it really is every morning, it's really depressing."

David lives in the very rustic Laurel Canyon area of Hollywood. But that's not far enough away from the pollution for him. He really loves the outdoors and tries to spend as much time away from the big city as his busy schedule will allow.

"I wouldn't stay in Los Angeles if it weren't for my work," he continues. "I wouldn't want to raise a family in the city. It's just not healthy anymore. I used to dream about living in a place like the Swiss Family Robinson lived in. But I don't know if such a place really exists. I have found a couple of spots, though, where I think I could be pretty happy. Canada was one. I found this really beautiful valley in the southern part of British Columbia and I almost couldn't leave it. It's so clean—you can see the sky and smell the trees and the only thing you hear is nature at work."

For now, David's responsibilities are keeping him city-bound and single with not too much privacy. But he's happy because it's what he's chosen. He's doing the work he loves best—and working hard to make it better.

Someday, maybe he'll be able to share his life with that special someone in the beautiful privacy of his valley. Until then, he'll have to be content to think about that dream when the lights are dim and everything is peaceful.



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