

any of the surface problems that life brought his way. In other words, from the very beginning, David was always very much *a man*.

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After David left New Jersey at the age of about ten and moved to Los Angeles, he became a fanatic over athletics—specializing in surfing, basketball and baseball. At 12, David was given his first drum set, and this changed his whole life—forever. But, as busy as he was with school, sports and music, David always found time for girls. Since he was never a “pushy” kind of guy who came on strong with girls, it wasn’t always easy for the ice to get broken when David met a girl. In fact, to this day, David is still very much on the shy side.

But a new characteristic has become part of David’s temperament—and it can only be described as “cool”. By that, it isn’t meant that David is bored, indifferent or detached in any way—no, no, girls are still the number-one-most-interesting subject to him. But through the years, David has learned that if he is just himself—quiet (but penetrating), warm and friendly (without being obstreperous), and—well, *cool* enough to stay back and survey the situation, his manner will set him apart from the other fellows. It’s as though, while everyone is out there being a part of the clamoring crowd, David is sitting a bit off to the side, watching everything with interest without being caught up or overcome by whatever is happening.

David dates many types of girls (*when and if* he has time, that is) and he doesn’t have a particular favorite “type” as far as looks go. Though he has a weakness for girls with long hair, he often dates girls with short hair and he hardly ever notices whether they are blondes, brunettes or redheads until *after* he’s gotten to know them!

The main requirements David makes on any girl who would like for *him* to like *her* kind of goes back to those early standards he set up when he was a youngster in New Jersey. A “David Cassidy type of girl” would have to be natural, honest (even if it hurts), take good care of herself (both in the inner and outer “selves”), look as attractive as she possibly can (you don’t have to be beautiful to be attractive—being attractive means doing the best you can with what you’ve got), have a warm sense of humor, have an open heart and mind—and *truly care*, not only for David, but for all other beings on the face of this beautiful earth.



David and Barbara share a Christmas coloring book.



At his fourth birthday party, David munches his cake while Barbara smiles for the camera.

At 12 (after he had moved to Hollywood), David got his first set of drums.

