

Wish You Were Here.

What instruments do you play?

I play drums and acoustic guitar, and I'm learning to play electric guitar.

Which was the first instrument you learned?

Drums were the very first. When I was about 12, Sal Mineo gave me the set of drums he used in the motion picture The Gene Krupa Story. He taught me how to play and I've been music-mad ever since!

What kind of music do you like best?

I love all kinds of music. My favorites are jazz, blues and rock.

Who are your favorite singers?

Paul McCartney, John Sebastian and B. B. King.

Who are your favorite instrumentalists?

Jazz pianists Horace Silver and Dave Brubeck and jazzman Isaac Hayes.

What do you do in your spare time?

I have very little spare time these days, due to the fact that I'm either learning lines and doing the show, learning songs and cutting records or preparing—along with my own back-up group—to go on the road to do live, in-person concerts.

If you had any spare time, what would you do?

I love to read.

What kind of books?

I read novels and plays.

What are your favorite books?

The Man Inside by W. Watts Biggers and Demian by Hermann Hesse.

Do you have a favorite novel?

My favorite novel of all time is The Temple Of Gold by William Gold. I also loved Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse.

What are your hobbies?

Practicing playing the guitar.

What do you think of The Partridge Family Album?

I was really knocked out by it—and by our second LP too. The producer—Wes Farrell—really turned me on. Sure, I like singing and I hoped I'd be good, but Wes made me feel like I was really super!

What other kind of LP would you like to cut?

I would like to do an album of ballad-type songs with a big lush orchestra. You know, sort of "show business" type songs.

Before you became so busy, what did you do if you had time?

I used to go off a bit by myself. Well, if it was just for a little while, I would go out and ride my palomino horse "Danny

Boy". When it got to a point that I couldn't go riding anymore, I let "Danny Boy" go to someone who would spend more time with him. I also want to become a good water-skier, but there doesn't seem to be time for it.

Can you cook?

I'm happy to announce that I can boil water!

What do you do if you have to cook for yourself?

If I come home late at night and haven't had dinner, I either scramble some eggs and fry some bacon to go with it or I stick a TV dinner in the oven.

Have you ever been seriously ill?

Yes, when I was 14 or 15 I had the flu and a strep throat. My fever went up to 105 and I remember feeling just awful!

Were there any other youthful illnesses?

I can't remember my childhood illnesses too well, but when I was 17 I had mononucleosis and had to stay in bed for three months—and that was a drag.

When would you like to get married?

Not until I'm at least 30. But any time after that, I definitely do want to get married.

What kind of girl would you like to marry?

A girl who is very bright, alert, wide awake and interested in things. I'd like to marry a girl whose interests would stimulate me.

How many children would you like to have?

At the moment, I think I'd like to have two—a boy and a girl.

What type of girls do you usually find most attractive?

Girls who make an effort to rise above pettiness and the mundane. Girls who are not childish.

What is the most important thing when you first meet a girl?

The very first thing I notice is looks, but that doesn't hold my interest for very long.

What comes next?

Well, after about two minutes of looking at a girl and trying to figure out if she is doing the very best she can with herself looks-wise and personality-wise, I just go over and start to talk to her.

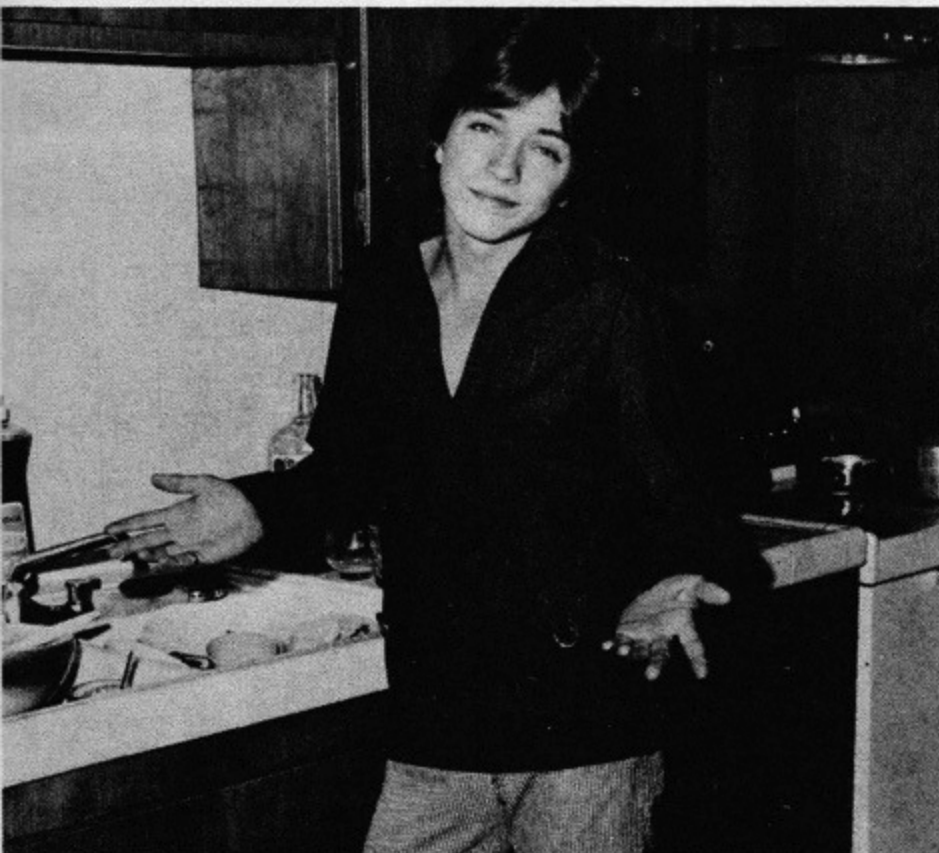
What do you find yourself looking for then?

I don't know—something less tangible, something hard to put into words. Like, for instance, I want her to have something to say and say it, but not to be overly talkative—to be outgoing, but not aggressive—and stuff like that.

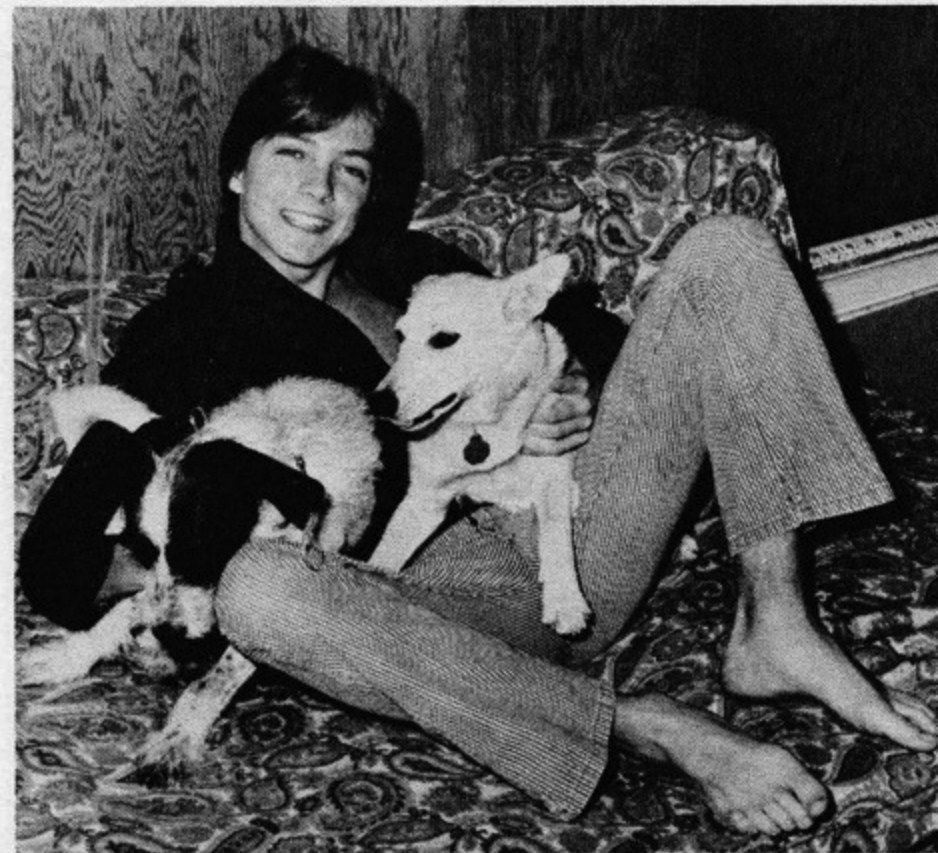
Briefly describe your dream girl.

I can't—because I really haven't met her yet. I do know one

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"I can't even boil water!"



David with "Sam" and "Heesh".