



"speaking" another language, I've really broken up.

**Dottye Dustan of Salem, Oregon, shared an experience with David:**

Dear David:

I recently saw one of your concerts and I thought you looked absolutely fabulous. But some girls tried to get up on the stage to get to you. I'd like to know how that made you feel? And what do you think about girls who try to get up on the stage?

I can't deny that it's flattering, Dottye, in a lot of ways. I wouldn't be human if I didn't enjoy a lot of the attention fans show. But I really can't approve of girls trying to get up on stage to get to me or any performer for the simple reason that it's very dangerous. And I'm not talking about danger to me. It's just too easy for a member of the audience to get pushed or to fall and be seriously hurt. That's really why all the precautions are taken at concerts. It may seem to be just a hassle, but it's for your own protection. So please—do me a big favor—and don't try to get on stage during a concert. Okay?

**Laure Jackson of Natrona, Pa., sends this letter:**

Dear David:

Every Friday I watch you on "The Partridge Family" and I really think you're great. Did you ever think of being in the movies?

Thanks for the vote of confidence, Laure! Actually, I haven't thought too much about movies. Being on a weekly TV show and making recording and concert appearances keeps me busy—and very satisfied—right now.

**Cindy West of Seldon, N.Y., writes:**

Dear David:

I just adore you! But can you tell me why you decided to become an actor? When you were little, what did you want to be?

Would you believe I was interested in performing since I was three years old? That's how old I was when I saw my father, Jack Cassidy, on stage for the first time and really picked up on it. I started singing around the house from that moment on. In fact, Cindy, I'm still doing it!

**Judy Collins of Portsmouth, Virginia, writes with a question:**

Dear David:

I think you're great. David is such a beautiful name! Do you have any brothers or sisters?

I'm lucky enough to have three half-brothers, Judy—the children of Shirley Jones and my dad. Their names are Shawn, Patrick and Ryan and I'm sure you'd love them. I don't have any sisters.

**Ivy Rashkover of Flushing, N.Y., writes:**

Dear David:

I've been listening to some of your songs and I'd like to know if you're going to be a singer the rest of your life.

I sure hope so, Ivy. Singing isn't something you can

turn off suddenly. I've always loved music and I'm sure I always will.

**Bernadette Poggi of Brooklyn, N.Y., asks a basic question:**

Dear David:

Do you do your own cooking in your apartment? What are your favorite meals?

I have to admit it, Bernadette—I'm one of the world's worst cooks! When I got my first apartment I couldn't even boil water right! But now, a couple of years and houses later, I manage to get by without starving. When I have to do the cooking, though, I prefer keeping the meal simple. Meat and a vegetable or salad is about all I can handle. By the way, I don't live in an apartment anymore. I have a beautiful house in the Hollywood Hills.

**Sally Smith of Lewiston, Maine, sends this letter:**

Dear David:

Do you like your schedule—getting up at 6:30 in the morning and going to bed at a certain time? Do you think you're a slave to the clock?

If I thought I was, Sally, I'd be very unhappy—maybe unhappy enough to pack up and get away. But I don't think I'm a slave to the clock or to anything else. It's true that while we're filming we have to keep to a general schedule, but so does everyone else with a job. What I do have going for me is a lot of free time off. Then I can go where I want to and do what I please. As far as I'm concerned, it's a good life.

**Susie Silvester of Sidney, Neb., sends a thought-provoking letter:**

Dear David:

First, I want to say that you're the greatest. You'll always be No. 1 with me!

My question is this. What do you consider the most beautiful thing that can or is happening in the world? I think peace would be the most beautiful. What do you think?

I think you're really on the right track, Susie. Peace would be wonderful. So would putting an end to hatred, making sure the coming generations have a planet to live on, learning how to get along and understand each other. So many things are beautiful . . . including your beautiful thoughts, Susie. Thanks for writing.

This is YOUR page, too. You can write to David, ask him anything you want to know about "The Partridge Family," himself, members of the cast, his past or future, his opinions—anything! Send your letters to:

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