

Only one thing could be better than an afternoon with David Cassidy! That would be an afternoon on horseback with David! Imagine yourself riding along beside him, as David confides to you the secret of his love for these wonderful animals! It's all here, the amazing, heart-warming story of—

David & Horses!

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This picture was taken later in the day. The Southern California weather warmed up so David decided to change his shirt, a knit with leather trim!



Notice that David rides Apollo bareback! This shows two things, how skillful a rider David is, and how Apollo really trusts him! Love is what makes trust!



David takes his horseback-riding very seriously. He became a good horseman by practicing many hours for months! David's advice to you, if you want to ride well, is do the same as he did. Ride as often as you can!

David's favorite horse is a spectacular palomino named Apollo, whose ears always perk up in recognition as soon as he sees David coming to the stable to saddle him up!

Although Apollo belongs to an old friend of David's family, these two pals can often be seen late on a Saturday afternoon, riding through the foothills and glens in a secret, scenic canyon in the mountains above Beverly Hills. David says that these long, thoughtful rides with Apollo often give him inspiration for new song ideas, like those in his brand new album!

This particular day, everywhere you looked you could see brilliant fall colors in the oaks and maple trees in the hillsides. David on Apollo, and I on my borrowed mare, rode off together

through the hush of the autumn afternoon. All you could hear were the horses' hoof beats on the dry dirt road, and the occasional chirp of a startled sparrow.

As we rode along, David talked about his love for horses. I had my tape recorder and took down David's exact words:

"When I was 15 years-old, I had a horse that I was very attached to. His name was Danny Boy, and he was one of the smartest horses I've ever known... and I've known quite a few!

"Danny Boy was a jet-black stallion. He could do all kinds of great tricks. He could count with his hoof, and shake his head 'yes' or 'no' when you asked him a question. But his favorite trick seemed to be lifting the latch that went across the stable door. He did