

IS

DAVID BREAKING



All things come to an end. At least, some people believe that saying. But can you believe it when it comes to David — breaking up with the people who love him?

David sat quietly in the corner of the set, his hands folded in his lap, his head bowed. The others thought he was resting between scenes, but he had dragged his chair to the dark corner for another reason. The word had leaked out—he was leaving!

He had hoped that the truth wouldn't be discovered for at least a little while longer. It wasn't that he was afraid that he was doing the wrong thing. He was sure he had made the right decision! It was just that he had wanted time to explain to his fans why he was leaving.

UGLY WORDS

David ran his fingers through his hair and the scene flashed in his mind again. The group of girls standing at the studio gates crying. He had driven up and none of them had said a word—they simply stared at him. He smiled but it seemed to make them sadder. What

had he done?

As he passed through the gate, the guard smiled sympathetically and whispered, "I guess they heard you were leaving, David. I tried to talk to them but they just won't listen. I can't make them stop crying." And it was then that David's heart had begun to ache with that old pain. He was the reason for those tears! He was the cause for these girls' sadness!

He thought of getting out and talking to them but he couldn't. He knew he would never be able to talk—not while staring into those hurt faces. And so he had driven on—gripping the steering wheel hard and trying to believe that he hadn't made the wrong decision.

BITTERSWEET

When he got to the set he acted as if nothing had happened. It was only when he dropped his guard for fleeting seconds that the troubled look crossed his face. But only for a moment. He had already seen the sadness he could cause—he didn't want to cause any more by showing he was upset.

The chair was half hidden in the darkness. And it was only there that David allowed himself to think about everything. The entire situation that only he knew about. And that was part of the problem. No one but he knew the whole truth.

It wasn't that he didn't like starring on the "Partridge Family," in fact, quite the opposite was true! He had loved being a Partridge from the very first and he was thankful the chance had come along. The chance to prove he could act and sing too, all on one show!

And, he would always be grateful for the "Partridge Family." It had helped him fulfill a lifelong dream—to perform live on stage! But