



DAVID: "Why Won't They Let Me Be Happy?"

David Cassidy wants to be happy just like everyone else! He wants to laugh, to sing, to be content. But people keep saying he's unhappy. Is he hiding something from himself and from you?

"Last week I broke a promise to myself, and I'm really sorry I did. As I was passing a newsstand, I saw a whole bunch of fan magazines that featured stories about me. When I started doing 'The Partridge Family,' I vowed that I wouldn't read any articles about me unless they were written in reputable magazines.

"What made me break my vow was the type of headline caption that appeared on these magazine covers. All seemed to have the same theme—about why I have so much sadness in my life now and why I'm so unhappy with what I'm doing.

"I can't go around fighting all these magazines that make up stories about me, but I can set the

record straight for you here and now. I *am* happy—with my life, with my career, with everything! In fact, I'll let you in on a secret. I've never been as content in my whole life as I am right now.

"And why shouldn't I be? I have had enormous good fortune in the past few years. I've spent 3½ years working with some great people on a project we all cared about—'The Partridge Family.' Our work was judged successful by all of you, and you gave us your loyalty in return.

DOING MY THING

"There have been a lot of rumors about why I announced I was leaving 'The Partridge Family' a few months ago. And unfortunately, no one understood the real

reason behind my decision. I was not unhappy with the show, nor do I have any feuds going with any members of the cast. It was just time for me to move on, to further myself as an actor and a musician.

"There are so many things I want to do with my life—so many that I'm doing right now. I'm really involved with my music as I've never been before. I find myself spending long hours composing songs on my guitar, oblivious to everyone and everything around me.

"I'm reading a lot of scripts, too. I especially want to find the right one for when I do my first

MORE ON PAGE 107