

years to realise
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So, in 1974 and with a dozen hit singles under his belt, he did the bravest thing he has ever done – he walked away from it all. No more stretch limousines. No entourage of 32, including three bodyguards, a personal hairdresser and a psychiatrist. Nothing.

Cassidy was on his own and he rapidly fell into a downward spiral. He made up for the alcohol-free years and sampled more than his share of drugs. “I felt ashamed – of who I was, what I’d come from, the mistakes I’d made. I felt a failure,” he says.

He married actress Kay Lenz in 1977

happy that even David’s stress-induced acne had completely cleared up. But they were divorced three years later.

In the early 1980s, David began dating horse breeder Meryl Tanz and, in time, they set up a business together with 60 thoroughbreds on a ranch in Santa Barbara. They married in December 1984, but two years later came another, acrimonious, divorce.

David hit rock bottom. He recalls being invited to go skiing in Aspen for a few days and being largely ignored at a celebrity party, except by old friend Don Johnson, who publicly sneered at him. The turning point came the following year when he

