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how did David feel:

"Before The Partridge Family, I had appeared in a number of American TV shows, such as "Marcus Welby" and "Bonanza". Well, it was after a Marcus Welby that some of the American fan magazines started phoning up to do photo sessions and interviews. At the time I wasn't over keen because I wanted to be a serious actor, but I said okay. And then I started getting fan mail, and being stopped in the street and by that time I was quite proud because it's great to be wanted.

"I never, ever imagined how successful The Partridge Family would be, though. I just went along for an audition for the pilot show as I would for any other show—not even knowing whether it would ever become a series.

"I don't have any regrets. Sometimes I think it would be very sad if in six months' time I'm forgotten about and The Partridge Family is no more. But I know that one day it's got to end. Can you imagine me being Keith Partridge when I'm 50?! It's fun now, but not what I want to do forever. I think I have peace of mind, though. I've found what I want from life and what I can give—acting. And after the Family, I hope to go back to serious drama and make a go of that.

"Meanwhile, I love doing live gigs and singing—hopefully I'll come to England later in the year for concerts—and that's something I might not have done. I still get very nervous before I go on stage but once I'm out there time goes so quickly.

"May be the main drawback of being known is a lack of privacy—but then if that gets too much, like it did at Christmas, I can always go away somewhere for a while. No, on the whole I think I'm very lucky."

So that's David Cassidy—at 21, a very mature guy who knows what he wants from life and what he can give. And, most important, he's remained natural with no conceit and a whole lot of warmth and concern for YOU, his fans.

In private, his life remains very much as it was a few years back. He still enjoys a quiet evening's driving or talking more than raving nights in discos. He lives in a super but modest house in the Hollywood Hills, and doesn't go in for lots of flash cars or clothes. His fave clothes are still a T-shirt and jeans.

Girls? He has girlfriends, but no one in particular. Sensibly, David thinks he's too young to be going steady, but looks forward to the day when a quiet, pretty girl with a sense of humour and lots of understanding comes along to sweep him off his feet. Could it be you?

