

pretty soon now. At long, long last, the almighty great hassle with my recording company has gotten itself sorted out. So I'll be able to work with the people I personally *want* to work with from now on. Man, was I relieved!

I know that a lot of people thought I was crazy to put so much stress onto something like that. But I'm willing to bet that anyone who thought that way wasn't a musician and hadn't any idea of the way a real musician works. I guess *you* understand how it is, though. You can't just 'turn on' the music that somebody else wants you to play... At least, I guess you can... But it's going to come out pretty dead and lifeless, unless it's your own kind of music too!

I don't want to be a human record factory — and that's what I'd be if I went against my own musical identity to fit in with the image that somebody else wanted to give me.

I guess I've changed a lot through the past two or three years. For a start I've really gotten into music and of late I've started to develop ideas of my own.

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It was all so different when I first started with the Partridge Family. At that time I thought I knew quite a lot about singing, but I soon realised that I really knew pretty well nothing at all compared to a true professional. So then I really needed some guidance on how to approach the material I was given. And I'll always be tremendously grateful to all the guys who helped and encouraged me at that time... Specially to Wes, who was really great. Well, he still *is* great! It's just that *he* works one way, and now I've decided that *I* want to work in another.

So the thought that I can start working in my own style, with my own choice of material, has given me a real high. Give me a couple more months and there should be a new Cassidy single around the place! I sure hope you'll like it enough to want to add it to your collection. Because I'd like to feel that my fans can really get to know the *real* me through my music.

After all, it's one of the few ways I can really get to keep in touch with all of you all of the time. And I'll be putting a lot of myself into this new disc!

So, from now on, I'll be picking up the piano in a big way... No, I don't mean hefting it up off the floor and throwing it out of the window — though I'll admit that I've felt that way once or twice recently! But I guess you know how it is... Somehow you let things drop if you reckon you're not going to need them for a while. And there came a point last month when I wasn't sure if I'd *ever* be recording again, everything was getting to be such a hassle.

But now it's all okay... I'm into writing again and I'm hardly ever sighted without either a guitar or a piano within range. So everything's back to normal and it's really great to feel this enthusiastic again, I can tell you!

Not that I've been sitting around moping or anything — don't get me wrong! I've been having a wov of a time while I've been waiting for my lawyers to fix all the red tape business for me.

It's been a great chance to look up lots of friends. So I've been travelling around staying a few nights here and there around the country. It's all been real quiet and easy for a change. I've had a chance to take stock of myself and where I'm heading. It may sound crazy to you... But for me, that's really something.

The other day, for instance, I just sprawled out on my bed with a phone and phoned round some friends who I hadn't contacted for a while. We just rapped about old times and about what we were doing now, and I picked up on news about folks who I'd almost forgotten. Now that's the sort of thing that's a luxury for me, 'cos, when I'm working at full throttle, I simply don't get the time! You see, in my normal working schedule every minute that's available is accounted for — along with a few more beside!!

Well, I guess I'd best face up to the fact that I'll be back to that sort of programme pretty soon! So I reckon that the time has come to get into training! Which means I'll have to stop writing now and get right back to my music studio. Who knows?... Maybe thoughts of you will inspire me to write the greatest number I've ever composed!

Love,
David.

