



staircase to go to our bedrooms.

That first night I didn't notice anything about the room — except how comfortable the bed was! After sleeping about twelve hours, I was a bit more aware of what things were like, and it suddenly occurred to me that this *wasn't* a dream, it was for real! The room was a sort of pale blue, about the colour of blue Wedgwood, and it was furnished in beautiful antique furniture.

After a late breakfast, we piled back into the car and shot up to London. I was asked to go to a guitar shop in London and autograph a guitar for charity. I'm always glad to do things like that, especially since the model was a Fender Jumbo, which is one of the newest and best acoustic guitars around.

The funny thing is that when I got there (with about three dozen members of the press!), I ended up buying three guitars and a small amplifier.

### NEW TOY

Sometimes I really amaze myself. I got so excited when I got that equipment, that it was all I could do to keep from coming straight back and start playing around with it! I felt just like a kid with a new toy!!

I had to be patient, 'cos we all wanted to see "Top Of The Pops" — not just for my contribution, but for all the great acts that were on. I was especially knocked out by David Bowie, his music is so incredible! I've got most of his albums, but seeing his stage act was just outstanding!

Afterwards we went out for an Italian meal at a restaurant Dave recommended. That was great, and we all had a good laugh, but I couldn't wait to try out those new guitars, so I dragged Dave into one of our cars and went back to the house.

Then we set up the amp in my room and got some cold lager out of the fridge and sat around, playing and singing until the early morning. Poor old Dave Bridger had to go to work the next morning, but not *this* Dave!

The next morning was Friday, and since it was clear, it seemed like a good chance to get in some horseback riding. Really, you have no idea how beautiful the country is until you can see it from the back of a horse. I mean, America is beautiful too, but it's so different

here. Just the way the land's set up; the use of hedges, for instance.

In the States, we divide our fields up by barbed wire or wooden fences for the most part. It's functional, but it doesn't have anything like the visual appeal of your hedges and stone fences.

And also, we have much larger fields, so you can't really see the changes in colour and texture that you can in Britain. Maybe it's just that it was such a great day, in just the right time of year, but I'm really knocked out by the countryside.

Well, that's about all I've got to say about my trip to Britain, except to add that I wish it could have been longer. Oh, before I forget, I'd also like to say thanks to Ed Stewart for having me on "Junior Choice". I really had a fine time chatting with Ed and doing the show.

After a short press conference, I said good-bye to Dave and hopped aboard a Jumbo jet for L.A. It was a bit of an anti-climax, but since I have to shoot some more episodes of the Partridge Family, I just couldn't afford to spend any more time away.

But I *do* have some promising news. As you probably know, I won't be able to come back until the early Spring, and maybe not until a bit later than that.

### GREAT BRITAIN

That's a drag, but I've got some *good* news as well. When I get back next time, I'll be able to stay longer, and I'll be able to get to see quite a few more of you. Ruth is still doing the arrangements, but it looks like I'll be playing Ireland and Scotland for certain, as well as England.

Now, if I can just squeeze Wales in, we'll be all right!! I wish I could make things more definite, but there's so many things still up in the air that it's just impossible. But I know Susie and Pat will let you know as soon as they can.

Well, that's about all the news I've got for this month, except to remind you about the Treasure Hunt that the folks at The Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain are sponsoring on the 18th of this month. I'll be looking forward to meeting the winners!

Love,  
David.

Here's a pic of David taken at his Airport press conference