



# David's

## personal letter to you

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Hi there!

Christmas is sneaking up on me again, trying to catch me unawares as usual! You know, it doesn't matter how early on I start to think about plans for Christmas and the presents I'd like to give . . . I still never get down to *doing* anything about it until the very last minute!

Take the past month, for instance . . .

Since I got back from that wonderful trip to Britain, I only really had to do a couple of week's filming. After that I was free! I had near enough a whole month to do what I wanted.

Well, now, looking back on it, I can see what a great chance that was to get ahead with my Christmas shopping. But did I?

Of course not!

So what have I been doing all that time? First of all, of course, I spent a while talking my chin off to all my friends about my time in England. And then there was all the excitement of having a number one over there! I couldn't believe the way it stuck up there in that top position! I can tell you, I really flipped over all that. Specially, when everybody had such nice things to say about the album too.

### TOUGH HIDE

For me, that was the one that really mattered. And, although I've gotten me quite a tough hide over the past few years in show business, I can tell you I'd have been pretty hurt if everybody had panned it. Because I really believed in it myself. And it's no fun having your beliefs trampled in the mud by a load of strangers in newspaper.

So it's all been pretty exciting for me. And I'd like to thank you for your part in it all. I hope I'll be able to *show* you how I feel personally next time I'm over. Unless I manage to slip in another quick visit before-hand, it looks like that'll probably be into next summer now. Kind of May or June time.

### WORLD TOUR

Of course, it could have been earlier . . . But I figured it might be kinda nice for once to have an open-ended stay. And that means making Britain the last stop on my world tour. Up to now, I've always had to be some place else as soon as my official schedule with you has been through.

This time I hope it'll be different, and I'll be able to stick around for a while and get to know you all a little better.

You know, London is my favourite of all the cities I've ever visited. And Britain is the one place I've thought I'd like to settle, apart from the States. What would be really nice would be if, some day, I could buy up a place over your side of the ocean, and then I could visit with you often, without having any of those awful hassles over finding somewhere to stay.

I don't reckon I'll be able to do that for a while yet. But I sure am keeping it in mind as an idea for the future. Meanwhile, I'm hoping to get to see a whole lot more of your beautiful country the next time I'm over. So keep an eye open for me!

Right now, I've been pretty busy on someone else's home—'cos I've been lending a hand to build it!

It's the one I've told you about before. I