



never seem to be able to make up my mind about anything until the last minute.

"But don't think I'm complaining," he continued. "I wouldn't have it any other way. I like to wait and see how I feel immediately beforehand, so that I don't make my decision in one mood and then have to live with it in a completely different one.

"There's so much to be said for so many places, that I guess it's a pretty good thing to wait and see."

Well, I couldn't agree more. But then I couldn't help wondering if, even though David is a superstar, he wouldn't have to make reservations for wherever he wanted to go pretty soon. After all, flights get booked up pretty far in advance, and if he needed a place to stay, reservations have to be made.

"Well, that's a good point," he began. "Flights are pretty hard to get on to around Christmas. But I won't have any trouble with reservations or finding a place to stay. 'Cos wherever I stay, I'll be home!"

I have to confess that I hadn't really thought about that, but of course it's true. David has his own house in Los Angeles, his home in Hawaii is livable, and of course Jack and Shirley would more than welcome him at their apartment in New York.

Most of us are lucky to have one home where we can spend our holidays, but three! I know that I would be hard pressed to choose which of the three places I would choose for my holidays.

I wondered what decisions David had to make about his. He began "There really are a lot of things to consider. Every

time I think about it, there seem to be more advantages and very few disadvantages.

"Of course, Los Angeles is really my home now. I've more or less put down roots, most of the things that I want to do professionally are centred in L.A., you know, television, movie and recording companies all have a base in L.A.

"It makes sense to live in L.A., but it's also nice, the weather and all that.

"It may not be exactly Christmasy," David said with a grin, "but it definitely is home. Still, I really feel the pull sometimes to head eastward for Christmas.

"I guess the memories of Christmases in New Jersey when I was a kid are still pretty strong when I think about Christmas.

## FAMILY

"It seems a bit corny, you know, all the visions of sugarplums and that, but somehow that's what Christmas means to me. I don't mean that I've actually got sugarplums dancing in my head," David laughed. "But I usually do think of Christmas in terms of trees and candles and snow, with parties of carol singers going through the night."

Well, it may sound corny, but it also sounds pretty nice. David continued, "One of the things that I've appreciated is my close family ties. My dad and Shirley and I have always been close, and I've also been close to my mom. Really, it's like I've had two families, and I suppose I'm doubly lucky."

Doubly lucky, but doubly complicated as well! And as if that wasn't enough trouble, enter Hawaii!

"Last year I thought a lot about going to Hawaii for the holiday period. After all, it's the only place that is really me.

"It's not that I mean that I'm not comfortable back East or here in California, but only that, where those places have left impressions on me, in Maui, I've left an impression on my land.

"My life when I was a kid in Jersey influenced me a lot, and so did my life in L.A. after we moved out there. Everything kind of went to mould me into what I am.

"It's been good, and I'm grateful for everything that I've learned, but, in a very special way, I feel that Maui is all me, that I've managed to work out an agreement with the land, where we each give and take a little bit, without getting in each other's way."

That sounded like an ideal way to lead your life to me. After all, Hawaii is like a new world. It would be a shame to recreate all the mistakes of the old world in the new one.

In fact, it wouldn't be too bad an idea for David to plan his own style of Christmas in Maui. That way he could have the best of everything he's had before, and also take advantage of all the ideas he has.

## GOOD TIME

Regardless of how David spends his Christmas (and by the time you read this, he still may have not made up his mind!), you can be sure of three things: it'll be his decision. And after that, you can be sure that he'll have a good time. But, and I know I don't need to tell you this, whoever he spends it with will be glad!