



# THE DAVID CASSIDY STORY

## PART 4

**I**T took David a long time to really accept his parent's divorce and finally come to terms with it. He was, of course, much too young to understand the complex feelings that were involved. His first, and natural, reaction was disbelief. David loved both his parents very much, although he has probably always been slightly closer to his mother — if only because he has spent so much more time with her and shared a lot of important and precious experiences with her.

Jack Cassidy's job, with various parts in plays taking him away from home for long spells at a time, had forced him into the role of a "part-time" father, as far as David was concerned.

After the divorce, David hardly saw his father at all. This hurt him terribly at the time, because it seemed to mean that Jack had just suddenly stopped loving him — as though the divorce had cancelled out the fact that they were father and son!

David admits that he felt horribly rejected by his father during this period, although now he can to some extent understand the problems which might have arisen if Jack had spent a lot of time with him.

Jack fully realised the risk he was taking in moving right onto the sidelines of David's life for several years. . . . He knew that David's misinterpretation of his actions might create a gap between them which would never be closed in

later life. He has made the comment that David's great fear around this time was "that I would never come back to him after the divorce".

Of course, Jack knew that this was far from the truth, but he could also see how it must appear in the eyes of a six-year-old child. However, he had weighed up the whole situation and acted for the best, so he was prepared to take the consequences.

Today, of course, David can understand all this and he and his father are good friends. In fact, he now realises to the full how great a pressure is put on double showbiz marriages, like that of Evelyn and Jack.

### Ideal Girl

That's why, for David, his ideal girl — the one he wants to share his whole life with — won't be totally committed to a career of her own, especially a showbiz one! He wants a wife who will always have time for *him* and who he can count on being there to receive all the boundless love and warmth he will have ready to give her.

So think whether YOU would be prepared to give up YOUR career for your love of David — because that is what he will ask of you. He has set his heart on *his* marriage being for keeps and he reckons that this is one of the things that will help to keep it that way.

That is surely not a lot to ask in return for all the wonderful love that would be yours for ever!

As you'll have realised by now, his parents' divorce was one of the most