

*favourite pop group, or standing there after they'd gone saying 'Oh I love him, I wish he'd come back' and 'He's mine, not yours'. And it was just what it said – 'teenybopper' – bopping about either crying or screaming or shouting or something like that.*

*I was in a classroom at school, and these girls had magazines and they were looking through them and there was a picture of David Cassidy in the shape of a heart, and I said 'Cor, who's he?', you know, and that was it. From that moment onwards I wouldn't let go of it. I thought 'That's it! I've got to find out more about this fella definitely.'*

*We bought T-shirts and badges and posters, you know, the whole lot. I used to collect everything I could find about him, or as much as I could afford – as much as my mum could afford. I used to know all sorts of tiny details like what kind of food he liked, the names of his dogs, even down to his ring size ...*

*When David Cassidy sang 'I Think I Love You', he used to point his finger in the middle of the song. There was many a time I was convinced that he'd perhaps pointed at me. I wondered if he'd ever remember my face if I ever met up with him. It was a very strange feeling because you were in a world of your own despite the fact that there were thousands of people round you, screaming their heads off.*

*I remember one night on the radio there was a big announcement that there was a really strong rumour that he'd got married, and I came haring down the stairs in tears and my mum said to me 'Don't be silly, you'll grow out of it'. I said 'I'll never grow out of it. I don't want to live any more!' It was a miserable two days until somebody confirmed that it wasn't true.*

The first British act to be sold in a big way to the teenybop market was an Edinburgh group which had started life in 1967 as the Saxons. A smart manager called Tam Paton stuck a pin in a map of America, hit Bay City, Michigan and called his group the Bay City Rollers. He dressed them in short, baggy, white trousers trimmed with tartan, gave them

popcorn



◀ David Cassidy gives his all ...

▼ ... and the fans react. At this concert at White City in May 1974, a fourteen-year-old girl suffered cardiac arrest.