

Well hi there!

Man, after spending a month recuperating from my operation in July, I'm sure glad to be back on my feet and back to work.

I'm usually such a healthy guy that to be knocked out of action for four whole weeks was really a drag, but I did find a few things to do.

I read and answered a lot more mail than I usually get done. And I want to thank everyone who sent a card or letter while I was sick. I always appreciate your letters, but they were even nicer while I was in the hospital.

And I had a chance to do a lot of thinking, too. I though about good things and bad things, things that worry me and things that make me very happy—like you!

I got to thinking about growing old—I don't know why that came up. But you know, I don't think I'm goto age very much.

Lying in bed one day, I remembered something my cousin used to say to me what I was about 14 or 15. I was always a mover. I always did everything. I knew about everything that was going on. And my cousin, she's really a nice human being, and she'd say 'Look what you're doing! You're 14 years old. What are you going to have left when you grow up?' And I'd say 'What? I'm just doing it. Left for what? Should I save life up 'til I'm 60 and then splurge? I'm living now!'

I guess I live pretty fast, but I want to experience as much as I can during my life. I want to meet as many people as possible and do a lot of fun things. Doesn't everybody?

Another thing that happened while



I was getting well, was that a friend of mine called up and wanted to know if I wanted to have my astrological chart done to find out what was coming up in my life.

I told him sure, he could if he wanted to—it might be fun. But I also told him that I don't really believe in astrology as far as telling what's going to happen in the future. I believe everyone makes their own luck.

I think it depends on your attitude. My attitude used to be pretty bad—very negative, but now it's really good. I think I changed my whole way of thinking. I'm much happier now. I used to think I was really

unlucky—and when you think that you usually are. But now I don't think I'm unlucky at all.

In fact I think I'm really very lucky—lucky to have gotten the part of Keith Partridge, lucky that the show is a success, and very lucky that so many of you seem to be digging what I'm doing. That's a pretty special feeling.

But for right now I've got to get to work. Again, thanks for your concern while I was sick. It really did help a lot.

I hope to see all of you very soon.

Love,

David Cassidy