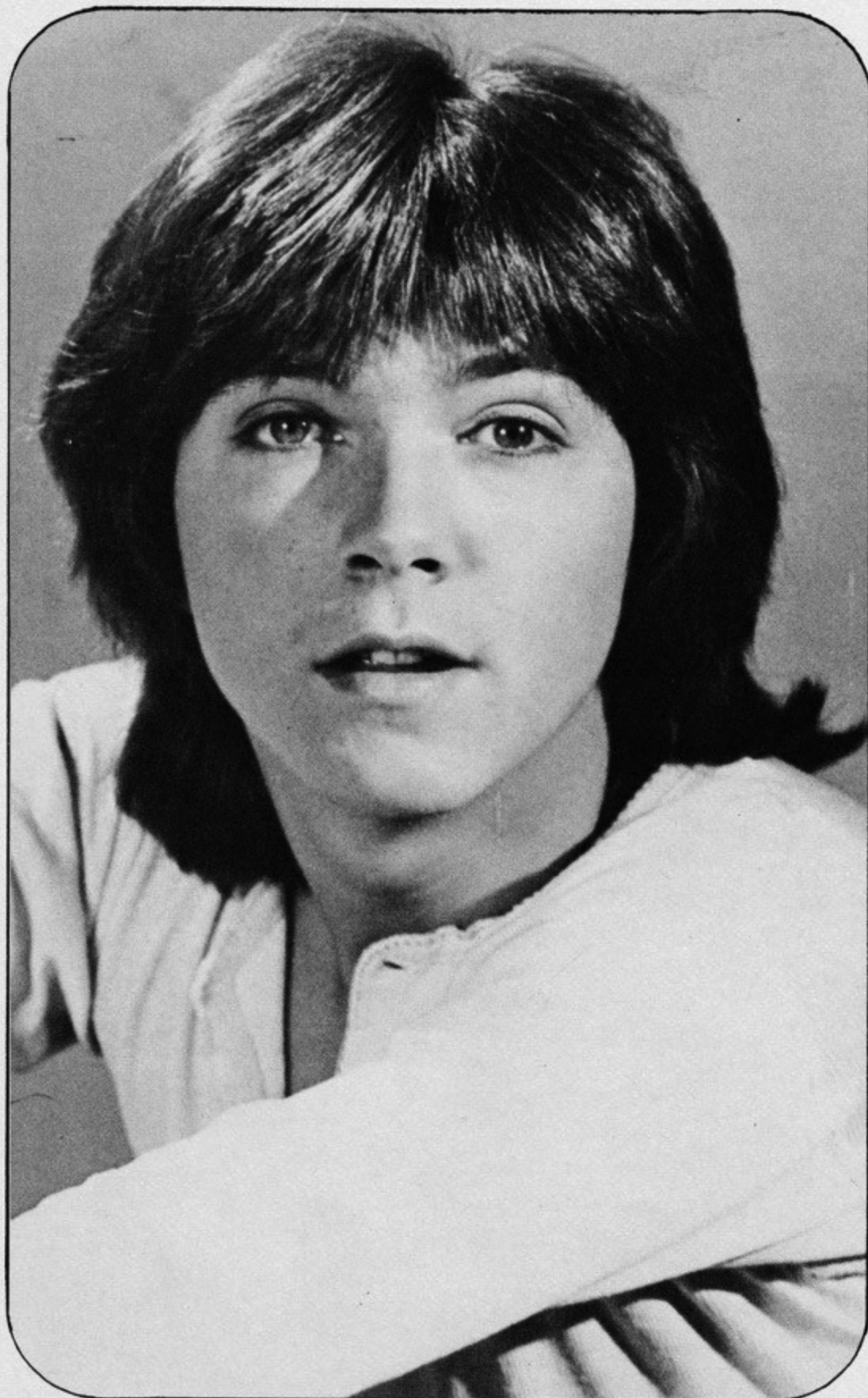


GOD IN MY LIFE by David

Everyone's concept of God is a little different and each of us feels God's place in our lives in a special way. David, too has his own strong feelings and beliefs about God and he wanted to share them with you.



When I was a little boy living in New York I used to go to church with my Mom and Grandmother every Sunday. In fact, I don't think there were very many Sundays in the year that we missed going to service.

Of course I was a little too young to know what church was all about, but I was in the choir and I loved that! I think I sang louder than anybody else because even then I loved music and songs.

But as I began to get older I began to get restless too. During the sermon I found my mind wandering and often I discovered I was questioning in my mind the things I had learned. I was beginning to wonder why it was so necessary to go to church to be with God.

Eventually I began to feel that I wasn't really learning anything new about God anymore. Still, I had the feeling that there was a lot more to learn than the Church could offer me. Not that my church had taught me anything untrue, it was just that I had the growing feeling that I could discover much more about God in my life if I started trying to find out about Him on my own!

GOD'S NATURAL BEAUTY

So more and more I started to get away by myself to places outside of the city where God's natural beauty was all around me and I could think in the peace and quiet.

Of course, now I was living in Southern California and I had found quite a few of these quiet places to go to. One day I went to this stretch of beach I know north of Malibu. Hardly anyone goes there and it's very beautiful. You'd love it!

It's located at the base of some very high cliffs and there's a winding path that leads down to it, and many different kinds of sea birds come there to rest on the beach. I guess they feel safer there because