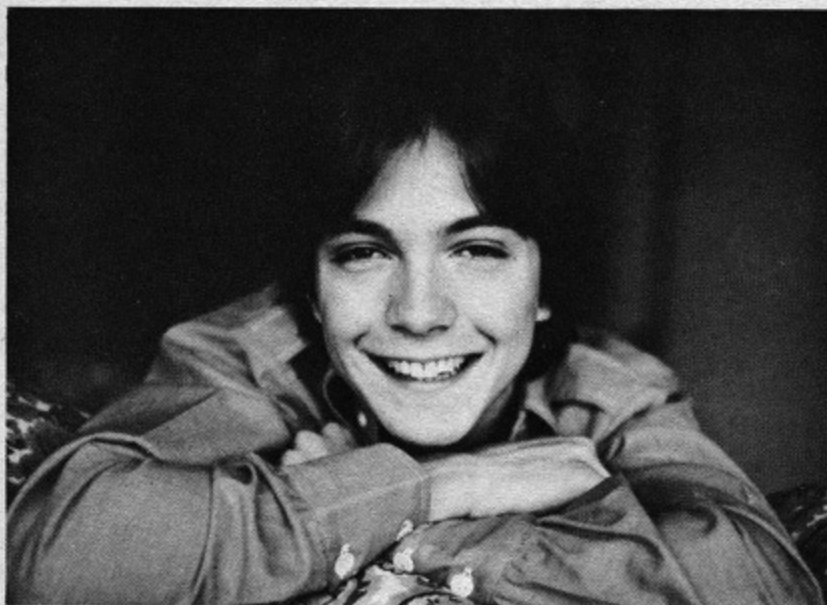


DAVID CASSIDY'S PRIVATE MAILBOX



HELLO AGAIN! I hope by now most of you have had a chance to see the ABC-TV show *The Partridge Family* — on which I am lucky enough to be a regular. If you have, you may remember me in the role of “Keith Partridge”. As Keith, I play a typical 17-year-old boy (though in real life I am actually 20 years old) who — along with his family — gets catapulted into a music-show biz career.

Well, anyway, one of the “side effects” of being Keith is that I get thousands of letters from all of you out there in 16-land. Though there’s a lot of mail, each and every letter is very special to me. It’s my sincerest hope that you will understand that it is impossible for me to sit down and personally write an answer to all of your beautiful letters, so I’m doing the very next best thing I can possibly do — each month I’m going to personally answer as many of your letters as I possibly can, with the help of 16 Magazine!

In each issue of 16 Magazine, I will present my “private mailbox”. David Cassidy’s Private Mailbox is the one place in the world where you can write to me, know that I get your letter, and know that you can get a personal answer from me. So if you want to write a letter to me and be sure that I see it — and be sure that you will get a personal answer from me — just send your letter to: David Cassidy’s Private Mailbox, 16 Magazine, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. Now let’s get down to the nitty gritty — and I will answer some of the letters I’ve received from you already.

Dear David,

I guess I’m just another one of the millions of girls who have a crush on you. I know that I’ll probably never meet you (except in my dreams), but just in case I did, could you tell me what three things I could do to make you interested in me?

Janet Cowell

Boston, Mass.

• Dear Janet,

The most important thing in the whole world to me is honesty — total honesty. So, if we ever meet, let that be your “password” in your relationship with me. Next, be happy. Happiness is just an attitude. In other words, we can choose to be either happy or sad. I like girls who choose to be happy. And thirdly, don’t be afraid to show me that you like me. A lot of girls think it’s not smart to let a guy know they really care, but in my case that’s not so. Like, I want to know where I stand with you.

Dear David,

I have a girl friend who said that you used to go to a camp near where we live in northern California. She said it was a few years ago. Is this true or false?

Tina Robinson

Carmel, Calif.

• Dear Tina,

If the camp your girl friend is talking about is the Carmel Valley Summer Camp, she’s quite correct! When I was around 14, I spent the summer months at Carmel Valley. It was so beautiful that I’ve never forgotten it — and I long to go back there!

Dear David,

Since I have seen you on *The Partridge Family*, I cannot sleep at night! Everytime I close my eyes, all I see is you or pictures of you. I’m going Cassidy-crazy! Please tell me what to do!

Sally Valle

New Orleans, La.

• Dear Sally,

When I can’t go to sleep at night, it’s usually because I have something on my mind that won’t quit. What I try to do is get my mind on something else. If it’s not too late at night, I turn on my stereo and play a record—but if the noise will disturb others, I get a book and try to read it or I just try to think. Sometimes a few minutes of self-evaluation is just the thing to erase all those daydreams and make you good and sleepy. But if you find that you’re still haunted by “visions” of me (and I’m very complimented that you care enough to think so much of me!) then — why not relax and enjoy them? Maybe when you do finally get to sleep, we’ll share a dream or two together!

Dear David,

I can’t seem to find your record *I Think I Love You* in any of the record stores in my neighborhood. Would you please tell me what to do?

Sandi Cilerno

Wolcott, Conn.

• Dear Sandi,

The Partridge Family’s first single is on the Bell record label. It’s number 910 and entitled *I Think I Love You*. If a store in your town doesn’t stock the record, give them this information — Bell Records, number 910, *I Think I Love You* by The Partridge Family — and tell them to order a copy of the record for you. Thanks for caring.

Dear David,

The rumors have already started flying that *The Partridge Family* doesn’t record their own records. This rumor has