



# DAVID CASSIDY

"Smiling Sam" because I was forever grinning! Then as I got older the kids called me "Hoppy," for "Hop-Along Cassidy!"

**54. SINCE YOUR PARENTS WERE IN SHOW BUSINESS WHILE YOU WERE GROWING UP, DID YOU EVER GET SMALL ACTING JOBS THAT WEREN'T WIDELY PUBLICIZED?**

There *was* something, but I usually don't like to talk about it too much! I had my first small part in a little theater on La Cienega where my mom was performing.

**55. WHAT DID YOU DO?**

We were staging this colonial type show so I had to speak with a Cockney accent. I think my main line was "The coach is waiting, Sir!"

**56. SINCE YOU KNEW AT AN EARLY AGE THAT YOU WANTED TO BE AN ENTERTAINER, DID YOU SHARE YOUR FEELINGS WITH YOUR FRIENDS?**

Yes, if they were close friends I told them exactly how I felt.

**57. DID THEY EVER KID YOU ABOUT WANTING TO BECOME AN ACTOR?**

Sometimes they'd joke with me a little, but then I just tease them back about their goals! It was all in fun and no one put anybody down.

**58. DID YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS IN ENTERTAINMENT WHILE YOU WERE IN SCHOOL?**

A few. I was always exposed to people in show business since my parents were in the profession. I palled around with Sal Mineo, who shared my interest in music, and Jon Provost.

**59. DID YOU AND SAL EVER DO ANYTHING TOGETHER WITH MUSIC?**

I'd go to his house quite a bit and we'd jam for hours on end.

**60. WHAT INSTRUMENTS DID YOU PLAY?**

I loved playing the drums, and Sal had a guitar lying around so we'd fiddle around with that too.

**61. SINCE MUSIC PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN YOUR LIFE AT THAT TIME, DID YOU THINK OF FORMING A BAND?**

I did belong to one for awhile, but nothing too much came of it. We played for school events but nobody was really that serious about performing.

**62. SINCE YOU'RE BUSY FILMING AND RECORDING, DO YOU HAVE MANY CHANCES TO SEE YOUR YOUNGER BROTHERS?**

I try to visit them at least every other week if time permits.

**63. WHAT DO YOU USUALLY DO WHEN YOU GO TO THEIR HOUSE?**

Ride motorcycles, play football, baseball . . . whatever!

**64. WERE YOU EVER KNOWN BY YOUR FRIENDS AS DAVE OR DAVY?**

I've been called Dave by some people, but I've never been known as Davy by anybody!

**65. WHEN YOU DECIDED TO GIVE ACTING A TRY, DID YOU WANT TO DO IT INDEPENDENTLY OR GET SOME ASSISTANCE FROM YOUR PARENTS?**

I just wanted to do it on my own by starting at the bottom and hopefully working my way up.

**66. DID YOU GIVE ANY THOUGHT TO TELEVISION WORK?**

No, not in the beginning. I was more concerned with stage work.

**67. SINCE YOU'VE HAD SOME EXPERIENCE ON STAGE, WOULD YOU HAVE THE DESIRE TO TRY IT AGAIN?**

Very definitely! Performing before a live audience is exciting and rewarding.

**68. WHEN YOU AUDITIONED FOR "THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY" DID YOU FEEL YOU HAD FOUND WHAT YOU WERE SEARCHING FOR?**

Not quite! I realized the opportunity was great, but in the shows I had done in the past, I played a tougher kid than what the "Partridge" script called for, and I was getting too used to my rough image!

**69. BUT WHEN YOU GOT THE PART AND WERE REALLY INVOLVED WITH THE SHOW, DID YOUR OPINION CHANGE?**

Oh, yes! It convinced me that being a good guy wasn't so bad after all!

**70. DO YOU GET ALONG WELL WITH EVERYBODY ON THE SET?**

Yes, they're all great people to work with.

**71. IS IT REALLY TRUE THAT YOU AND SHIRLEY WERE UNAWARE OF ONE ANOTHER'S AUDITION FOR THE SHOW AND COINCIDENTALLY MET UP AT THE STUDIO?**

It's true all right! Just goes to show you what a small world it is.

**72. DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE SONG OUT OF ALL THOSE YOU'VE RECORDED?**

Not really because an equal amount of time and effort has gone into recording all of them.

**73. DO YOU BELIEVE IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?**

I feel that two people can be very attracted to one another right from the beginning, but love, *real* love, takes time to grow.

**74. WHAT TIME DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO MOST EACH DAY?**

Evening time because that's when I can really unwind.

**75. HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW THAT YOU'RE 21?**

Not too different than I felt at 20, but at least now I'm recognized as a "legal" adult—which is a groovy feeling for anyone!

**76. DID YOUR PARENTS TEACH YOU SOMETHING OF REAL VALUE WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG?**

They taught me to realize that everybody is equal, which is a good understanding to have.

**77. IF YOU COULD TAKE OFF A FULL MONTH TO DO ANYTHING YOU'D PLEASE, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO?**

Just travel and keep going and going and going!

**78. WHY DO YOU ENJOY TRAVELING SO VERY MUCH?**

There are so many places just waiting to be discovered and explored, and traveling's the best way to do it.

**79. ARE YOU CRITICAL OF YOURSELF WHEN YOU WATCH YOURSELF ON TV?**

Yes I am because I feel that with everybody there is always room for improvement.

**80. ARE YOU GENERALLY IN GOOD SPIRITS OR DO YOU HAVE A TENDENCY TO BE MOODY?**