

TWO of the most beautiful and most popular guys you ever saw are right there on your TV screen! One of the boys is singing and playing the piano and, as the camera closes in, you notice that he looks very familiar. Those twinkling blue eyes and that slightly crooked smile could only belong to Bobby Sherman—and you'd recognize his handsome face anywhere! Then, suddenly, the camera pans over to the boy who is playing the guitar. Your heart melts with joy, cos you immediately know who he is! You're watching ABC-TV's *The Partridge Family* and that boy is one of the main reasons you love this show so much. Yes—he's David Cassidy, alias "Keith Partridge," and for the first time anywhere—super-stars Bobby Sherman and David Cassidy have joined together in song—just for you!

As you know by now, this "scene" took place right in your very own living room—on your TV screen on March 19th—the evening Bobby Sherman was the "special guest star" on the Partridge Family episode entitled *A Knight In Shining Armor*. (The title of this segment was changed at the last minute. It was originally going to be called *Words and Music*. But we're getting 'way ahead of our story, so let's listen to Bobby Sherman himself as he tells you—first-hand—just what went on when he met and got to know David and the PF gang!!

As I explained to you in the May issue of *16 Magazine*, the very first time I met David Cassidy was at a rehearsal-reading when the entire cast and crew of *The Partridge Family* and I got together to go over the script I would be doing. However, David and I didn't really get a chance to chat until the following day on the set.

THE HONEST-TO-GOODNESS TRUTH!

I think it's important that I clear up something very ticklish right now! I've read a few items in several magazines and newspaper columns stating that David Cassidy and I are feuding and that we didn't get along at all when we worked together on *The Partridge Family*: Well, to put it very bluntly—that's a lot of *rubbish!!* I don't mind if something uncomplimentary is written about me as long as it's *true*, but when I read false rumors—ones that are so wrong they're ridiculous—it really bugs me! David Cassidy is a great guy and we hit it off immediately. There was absolutely *no* friction between us—and that's the honest-to-goodness truth! In fact, the entire cast and crew of *The Partridge Family* were super-nice to me, and filming a show with them was one of the most pleasant and enjoyable things I've ever done.

As I mentioned to you last month, this particular PF show was not only filmed as a segment for airing as a *Partridge Family* episode—it was also the pilot of a new television series for me. (At press time, it looks as though you *will* be seeing me and my new show each and every week come September—

but I'll let you know more about that as soon as the "official" word is given!) Anyway, David and the rest of the PF gang knew how important this show was for me and they were so groovy and helpful. They did their *very best* so that my pilot would be as good as possible—and we all worked together like one big, happy family.

RAPPING WITH DAVID

The first day on the set is always a rehearsal for the filming of the show. In other words, everyone goes over (or "runs through"—as we call it) just what they will do for the actual taping. Since David and I knew from looking at the script that we'd be doing a song together—we decided to take advantage of the free time we had while waiting for our call and went off to work on the song. After finding a sound stage that was deserted and quiet, we began exchanging ideas about how we felt the tune should be done. If you saw the show, then you know the title of the song was *Stephanie*—and this one song was repeated several times throughout the show. (P.S. For all of you who are going to ask—*no*, there isn't any *real* Stephanie in my or David's private lives.)

Needless to say, with our mutual interests and love for music, one thing led to another and soon David and I were rapping about recording. I told David all about my pride and joy—my recording studio at my parents' home in Van Nuys, California, and he expressed his secret desire to someday try his hand at producing records. David also confessed to me how very anxious he is to do some "in person" concerts. Since he knew how much I've traveled, David asked me several questions about touring and I told him some of my experiences on the road. I can understand David's desire to travel around, singing with his own back-up group, cos he really digs making music—and appearing in front of a live, enthusiastic audience is probably the greatest thrill a performer can have. David explained to me that he hadn't yet found the right group to back him up musically and to travel with him, but he was looking. He also told me he has some good ideas for his on-the-road show. In fact, it's very possible that by the time you read this—the David Cassidy show may be headed for *your* home town!

KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR

After David and I had talked for about an hour, we heard our call come over the loud speaker—and within a matter of minutes we were back on the PF set deeply involved in *A Knight In Shining Armor*.

As I said before, most of you may have seen this show. If not, keep your eyes peeled for it when *A Knight In Shining Armor* is re-run sometime this summer. Also, don't forget to keep your fingers crossed—and maybe we'll be seeing each other face-to-face each and every week this fall!!

"This is a scene from *A Knight In Shining Armor*—and that's Wes Stern (far left), my kooky song-writing partner on the show."

