

# MY SON- DAVID

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CHAPTER FOUR

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Read on and on—as David Cassidy's lovely actress mom continues to tell all about David's trials, tribulations and triumphs as a growing boy!

SINCE I CAN REMEMBER, David has always wanted to be a singer and an actor. As I told you in some of the earlier chapters of my story about David's life, he not only came from a musical clan, his mom (that's me, an actress and a singer) and his dad (actor-singer Jack Cassidy) were both busy performers in every facet of show business from the moment David was born—so David had *plenty* of exposure to music and to acting!

As was mentioned at the close of my last chapter in *16*, at the ages of seven, eight and nine, David was "lead singer" for the junior choir of Holy Trinity Church in West Orange, New Jersey. But he had actually started his singing "career" at the age of about four when he used to love to sing me to sleep (?) and then—sneaking into my bedroom the next morning—sing me *awake!* David was about three when he first saw his father perform on the musical stage in New York City, and soon thereafter either Jack or my mother would bring him to see me in the various roles I played. Whenever possible, no matter where I went to perform (or to see Jack work), I would take David along. And after Jack and I were separated and divorced—from the age of six, except when he was in school, David went with me wherever I went. This again meant that he was almost constantly exposed to the theatre and especially to musicals.

David was actually a "pro" from the age of six on. Since the various roles I did took me everywhere from Broadway to summer stock, David's show-biz education was well-rounded and vast. When he was about six, I got him a small



● At six, David smiles happily for his mom's "Brownie" camera. Later — on radio — he "clammed up"!

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