

# A Letter From DAVID

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## "If I Had It To Do Over . . ."

Do you ever get that feeling that you wish you could have an "instant replay" of your life? Do you wish you could stop a scene in the middle, go back to the beginning and *do it over again*?

That kind of feeling comes over me a lot, especially when I've met a girl and things have been groovy and then, for almost no reason at all, maybe we fight or she decides she doesn't like me after all or vice versa. That's when I wish I could rewind the tape of my life and play it over again so when I came to the difficult part, I could work it out by knowing what I know now.

Of course, in school I was always dreaming of an instant replay so that I could go back and study for a test that I hadn't planned on. I lived almost all the way through high school like that, but then maybe everybody does a little.

Lately though, I've been thinking about my career and what I would have done if I had it to do over again. Does that sound silly to you? Or does it sound like I'm not very satisfied with all the wonderful things I've got?

### AM DISSATISFIED SOMETIMES!

Maybe it's both for me—but just a tiny little bit of both. Because I've done so well and made so many new friends and had experiences that will never grow stale even when I'm very old, maybe it is silly for me to wish I could do things over again. But being an actor, I think, is like having a chronic case of dissatisfaction. I mean, sometimes I watch my performances and *die* because I keep thinking, "Oh, if I'd only have used a little more facial expression in this scene . . . why didn't I frown so hard my face would have lines in that scene?"

I'm very happy, though. Before I go any further with this letter, I want you to know that I'm really overjoyed with being on the show and everything. It couldn't be more fantastic!

But as for living the last year over again . . . I just can't help but dream about it!

I wouldn't change any of the major things I've done in my life, I mean any of the really big things like moving to New York or moving back from New York or accepting certain parts or anything like that.



### MORE SONGWRITING

What I might have done, though, would be to spend more of my time writing songs so that at this point, I would be an established songwriter.

I love the feeling of standing in front of an audience and waiting for the lights to dim when I step on stage. If I could only open my mouth and begin singing songs that came from the inside of my head and heart, in addition to songs that we sing which sprang from the heads and hearts of other writers, then I think I'd feel like I just won an Academy Award!

Right now I'm working on some of my own songs and I'm so committed and so serious about my work that soon, I think, you'll be hearing more from me musically.

Gee, now that I've really started thinking about this, there are one hundred things plus more that I wish I'd done. I wish I'd read at least 100 more books and seen 100 more films and listened to 100 more albums.

### A WONDERFUL YEAR!

On the other hand, maybe I really wouldn't want to live this past year over again because I might miss something the second time around. Everything has been so great, so really tremendous, that I'd hate to gamble with the past year because I might live it over again and not get chosen to do the "Partridge Family." Wouldn't that be awful?

I guess what I'm finding out as I write this to you is that because no one can live their life—even a day or a year—over again, it's time to quit living as though we can.

How about you? Are you going to actually change your hair style, try meeting that new boy, work harder at chemistry, run for a school office and master that new piece on the piano? Or next year, will you be saying you wish you had the year over again to do all the things you didn't?

Anyway, I hope you get yourself in gear. After all, you're going to have to keep up with me!

David