



and ended up trapped in the store with a mess of giggling fans, he couldn't believe it at all. Now he knows that he's better off to ask a friend to go to the store rather than risk a mob scene.

But each time I see him he gets a little more confident and sure of himself. He warms up to people quicker now and that sparkle in his eyes puts everyone at ease almost immediately.

And even when I go over to the house he's usually not quite as sleepy looking as before. He says he wakes up quicker now. It used to take him a long time to get fully awake but now he's alert pretty quickly.

In general he seems a lot happier now than he did when I first met him. He smiles that adorable smile most of the time now and has a sexy way of throwing back his head and laughing lightly. (Danny Bonaduce does a marvelous imitation of David's laugh!)

ON THE SET

I think the mental picture I have of David most of the time, though, is the way he is on the set. I like to just sit back and watch him at work on the show. He gets along with everyone so well. There are no "star problems" on "The Partridge Family!"

David always comes over when he sees me arrive on the set and says

"Hi, there" and kisses me on the cheek. Kissing girls on the cheek is a new habit David just started, but I

Then when he's got it all figured out he'll look straight into my eyes and say "The way I see it . . ." He does have fantastic eyes!

He's a very thoughtful guy too. When I'm at the house or on the set he always makes sure I have everything I need and that I understand what's going on. All he ever seems to want from me is honesty. He doesn't put people on and he doesn't like people to put him on. The real key to being friends with David is just to be real with him.

THE REAL DAVID CASSIDY

I guess the "real" David Cassidy, the one I know, is a laughing, happy, natural sort of guy.

I sometimes find myself wondering about the girls he goes out with. I wonder if they go out with him because he's a groovy guy or because he's a star.

I sincerely hope that someday he'll find that one very special girl—maybe you—who'll love him for the human being that he is. That will be a very special girl indeed for she'll have the love of a very loving guy.

All I can really tell you is that I think I know David pretty well and I like him. I like him a lot.

To all of you out there who love him but haven't met him—well, hang in there, he's worth waiting for. I know that when you do get to meet him, he'll be even better than you could ever imagine him to be!

