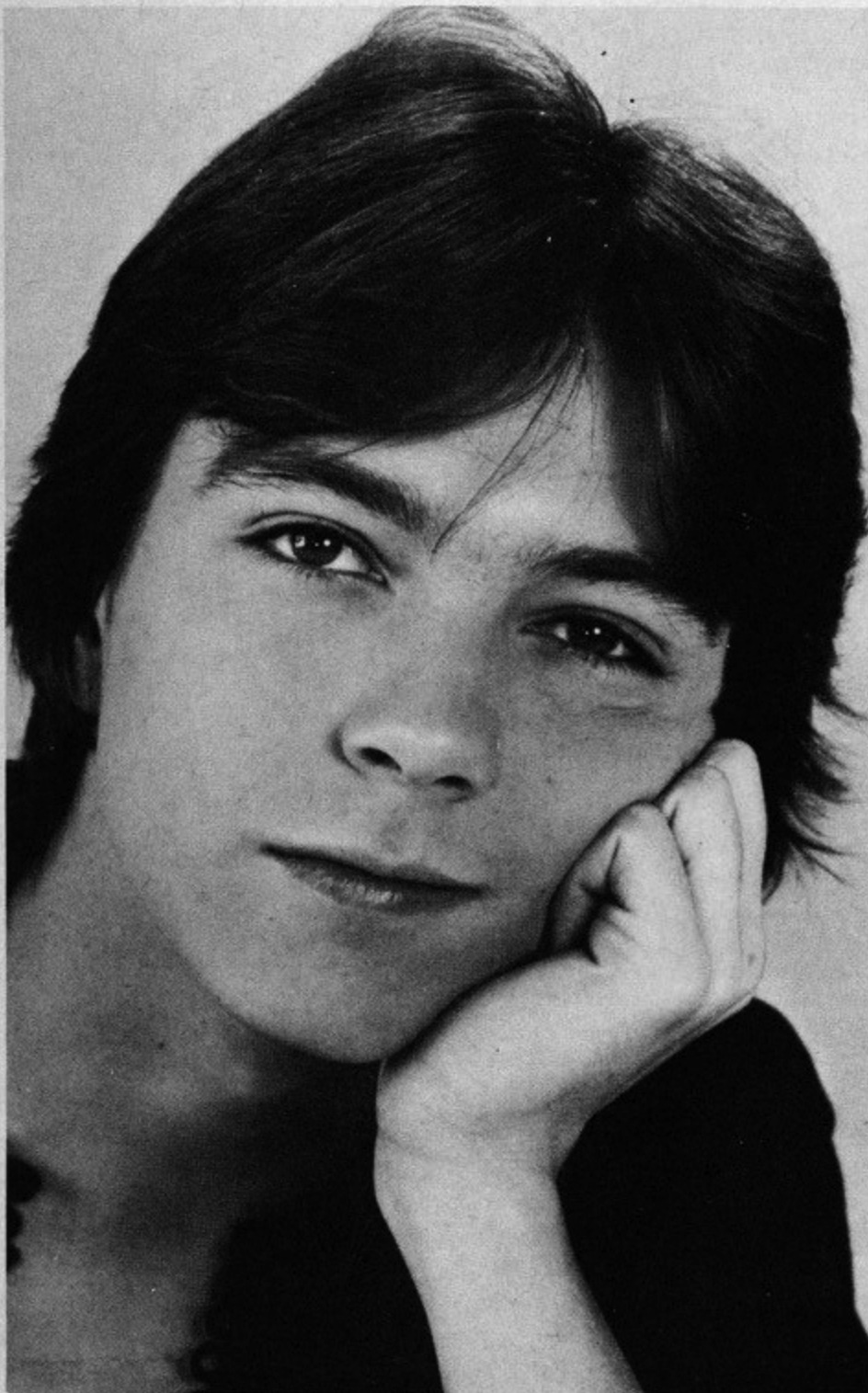


# DAVID CASSIDY SADLY CONFESSES:

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**H**azel eyes. Olive skins. Torrents of girls running after him in the streets. You'd think that David Cassidy would have everything any young man could possibly want.

But David has a dream. And it hasn't yet come true. "I don't think I've ever been really in love," he laments. "I exist in a world of adults, because of my profession. I really cannot seem to get involved.

"The thing that would make me most happy would be to find a girl who would really love me and with whom I could spend the rest of my life. That's what I'm looking for: another human being so important to me that I would want to share everything with her . . . to be with her forever. Sure, up until now I've played the field. I've dated a lot of different girls . . . but what I really want is to get involved with someone so special that I wouldn't be able to go through life without her!"

David worries that he might be too self-centered and egotistical about his career to ever be able to get involved with a woman. Introspective David has examined his past in the hope of discovering why he finds it so hard to "make love happen."

He was born to a happy couple—actor-singer Jack Cassidy and actress Evelyn Ward, on April 12, 1950. He received a great deal of love and attention—until the age of five. It was then that his parents separated. They were so busy with their personal anguish that they neglected to recognize their son's pain. Until David was ten years old, he was shifted from one house to another.

In 1956, his dad re-married—luckily enough, to a lovely lady named Shirley Jones. Shirley played the doting stepmother and affection-starved David appreciated every second of it. But the damage that had been done to his personality could not be helped by this belated expression of love.

David was set in the permanent role of the loner, because he had been forced to take care of himself for so many of his early years. "I've always stuck with the policy that a free man is a good man," he claimed defensively. He was afraid of becoming close to his stepmother, for fear that her love was not genuine. "I tried to break all the ties with my family when I left home, so no one could hover over and take care of me," he confessed. "I became totally independent at eighteen."

David is trying to work out a lot of what he calls his "heavy problems" in dealing with girls. He wants to get married, wants to have as many children as he feels is morally justified in this world of overpopulation. We think that he can straighten himself out and find true love. He certainly *looks* loveable enough! ●