

A Letter From DAVID

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"YOUR BOYFRIEND VS ME!"

This month I thought I'd tackle a touchy subject, and what could be touchier than ANOTHER BOY?

That ANOTHER BOY, of course, is me. Are you getting confused? Let me straighten you out. For some months now, I've been getting letters from girls with a special problem—they've got a boyfriend but they like me too. If you've got a boyfriend and are also a fan, then you know what I'm talking about. If you don't, I'll explain... just read the following letter:

Dearest David,

I've got a special problem and I don't know what to do. I've been going with Ted for almost a year now but I think we're going to break up soon and you're the reason!

I've liked you ever since I first saw "The Partridge Family" and I couldn't help talking about you to Ted. At first, he didn't mind too much but then he started getting really mean about you and saying things like, 'If you like David Cassidy so much, why don't you date him?' I guess what really topped it off was that I didn't want to go out with Ted on Friday nights because then I'd miss your show.

Anyway, now I don't know what to do. Ted has said that I either quit talking about you or we break up. I don't want to do that but I don't want to be unfair to Ted and also, I think I'm being unfair to you, too, because if I like you, I shouldn't be dating other boys.

Can you send me your advice, please?

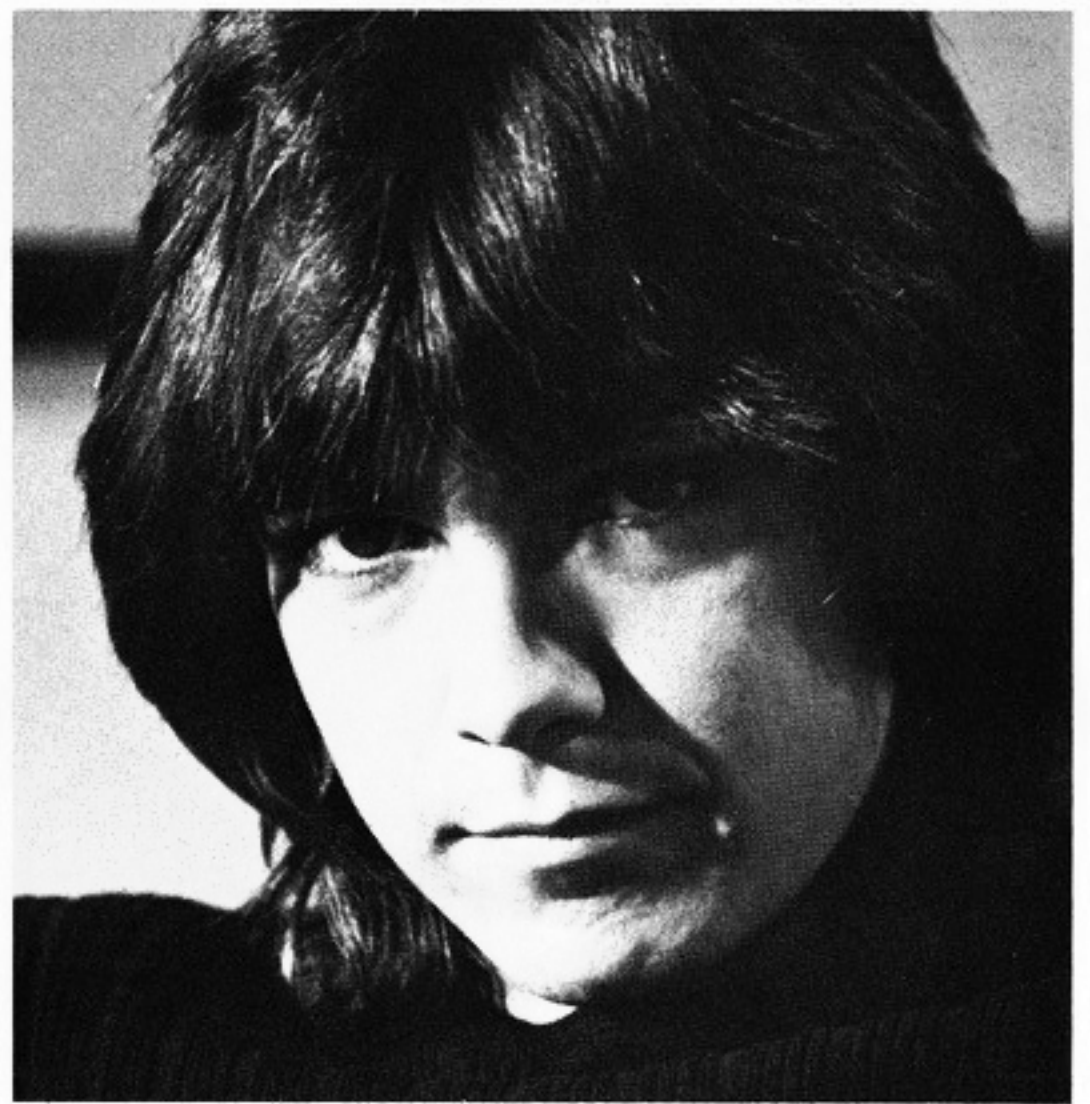
Candy B.

Level Green, Pa.

Well, Candy, and all other girls with your problem, I hope I can help you. First of all, I think your boyfriend is pretty understanding if he lets you talk about another guy and doesn't get uptight right away. I'm not so sure that I could be so gracious because I'm positive I wouldn't like it if a girl I was dating insisted on telling me how great another guy was all the time.

Sure, if she was talking about a really good actor or an athlete and she respected him for his talents, I think I'd understand, but if she started telling me how much she loved him, I know I'd want to break up with her.

If you think I'm being too harsh, think of it from the other point of view. Suppose your boyfriend was in



love with Susan Dey. There you were, buying new dresses for the prom and fixing your hair for him, and all he wanted to talk about was Susan. See how you'd feel? Not very happy, right?

But suppose that you search your heart (do it!) and you find out that you really do love your idol and you don't love your boyfriend. What do you do then? I think that you should be honest to yourself and to him. If you're just using him so you'll have a boyfriend around, then by all means you should break up right away.

On the other hand, when you search your heart and investigate those really dark corners of your soul, you might very well find that you really love your boyfriend just as much, if not more, than you love me or another idol. Then, I think you owe it to your boyfriend to keep quiet about your part-time romance. That's not being dishonest or secretive. Everyone is entitled to their own thoughts and that will be yours.

I UNDERSTAND

You see, I really do understand about your boyfriend. I don't want you to lose him on my account because after all, I can't take you to dances or proms or horseback riding on Sunday afternoons because I don't even get a chance to do that myself. I can't hold your hand when you're hurt or kiss you goodnight at the door. That's why I understand about your boyfriend. You really need him.

As gently as I know how, I want to tell you something else. You must be practical too. You might be passing up a boyfriend that would be better for you than I am. What if we really got together and you discovered that you couldn't stand my life? I travel all the time, I'm never home, I don't even have time for many dates. See? You might be happier with someone else!

Don't ever worry that I won't understand if you have a boyfriend and like me too. Believe me, I'm very happy for you in that case. I'd rather that you were out and having fun, instead of sitting around moping in front of my picture. We have a very special love between us, and nobody can change that!