



BETWEEN US!

BY DAVID CASSIDY

Hello from Europe! I am writing you from somewhere in the midst of Europe where I'm enjoying a vacation that I've been dreaming about for months.

It seems like ever since "The Partridge Family" started I've been so super busy, recording and filming and doing concerts and things that I've hardly had any time to myself. Not that I haven't loved every minute of it. It's all been so fantastic that sometimes it seems like a dream.

I need some time alone to myself. So when "The Partridge Family" went on hiatus for a couple of months, I quickly finished off the album I was recording at the time and took off—for Europe!

A lot of people that I talked to before I left couldn't believe that I was really going alone, but here I am, alone and loving it.

I've got this VW bus and I'm just roving around wherever I feel like. I haven't shaved or cut my hair since I left and I doubt if anyone would recognize me now. I don't have to worry about being recognized anyway, because the show hasn't yet aired over here. It's funny how much of a thrill it can be just to be able to walk down the street and go into any little market and be treated like just any old body. I can even talk to girls and know that they are reacting only to me and

not to what they've seen on TV.

The people over here have never seen Keith Partridge and the name David Cassidy doesn't mean anything to them, so they just take me or leave me for whatever I am. I think I'm learning a lot about myself on this trip.

I don't want you to think that I hate being recognized on the streets and all that—it's really kind of nice at times—but it's also nice to get away from it for a little while.

For the first time in a long time I've been able to just think for hours at a time, about me and who I am and whether or not I really deserve all the good things you lay on me and just what I would like to do with the next few years of my life.

I've also been able to sleep late in the morning—which is sheer luxury—and eat full, well balanced meals. I've tasted so many different foods that I can't hardly remember the names of some of them.

I've thought a lot about you too. It occurred to me that everyone has friends, but I also have fans, who are a very special group of friends. You and I may not know each other, but we're still friends. It's kind of a shame that everyone doesn't have fans because it's quite a unique feeling to be cared about

by thousands of people, many of whom you've never met.

This vacation is a real dream for me. I feel so much healthier and I've got all kinds of ideas for new things I want to try on my records and on the show. I just feel so much more alive.

I've only got a few more days over here before I have to report back to Hollywood and get back into recording and performing. I'm having a great time but it'll be good to get home again too.

I hope to see you soon.

Love,
David

