

rehearsing our parts! It seems the music director, who had arrived in an earlier plane, had been convinced that we'd never make it, and he'd hired a bunch of local musicians. We all stood in the back of the auditorium and listened, and it was pretty weird—like listening to ourselves. **David** stepped down into the light and called out, "Hey, where's **my** replacement?" The music director looked back in surprise, and we all cracked up! Some of those Philadelphia musicians stayed and played in the show, just for fun!

Before the curtain went up, **David** was pacing around, nervous as



How do you like Steve "Cookie" Ross' new beard? We think it looks great!

as a reward! For the first time **anywhere** he sang one of the songs we'd worked out on the plane! It's called "First Night Alone," and it's fantastic! The kids just loved it! Actually, by the time you read this, you'll probably have heard it a hundred times!

We've got a lot more to tell you about this tour, including **David's** fantastic appearance in Madison Square Garden, but that'll have to wait until next time! For now, we want to answer a few questions you've sent us!

DOES DAVID LIKE THE AFTERNOON SHOWS BEST, OR THE EVENING ONES?

**Melinda Marks
Akron, Ohio**

He loves them both! It's a different kind of audience, you know, and usually the afternoon crowd is younger! They have a kind of enthusiasm **David** really loves, but I think the evening shows are really his favorites—mostly because the musicians seem to play a little better at night!



Performing for huge crowds is something we all like & look forward to!

usual. He was sure that there wouldn't be anybody out there! "It's a **blizzard**," he kept saying. "Who's going to come in a **blizzard**?" I don't think he really believed anybody would come until he stepped out into the light and those thousands of kids screamed their welcome!

The show was fantastic! **David** was so grateful that everyone had braved the terrible weather to see him, and he gave them a present



Going over numbers before show time is always a lot of fun. Our motto is sing loud until the walls vibrate—then we know we've got it down pat!

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN DAVID GET GROUCHY OR MAD ON TOUR?

**Alyce Rosen
Ontario, Canada**

Not too often! He gets pretty tired, and his temper might get a little short—but he almost never lets anyone see it! In Pittsburgh, as we came in through the stage door, there was a security guard who was a little rough in pushing the fans back, and **David** told him to be more careful! He looked about as mad as we've ever seen him!

DOES DAVID REALLY LOVE HIS AUDIENCES THE WAY HE SAYS HE DOES WHEN HE'S ON-STAGE?

**Phyllis Sawn
Port Arthur**

An easy question to answer: YES!



Coming or going, nothing beats the excitement of our concert tours!

IS IT TRUE THAT DAVID WANTS TO SING A WHOLE DIFFERENT KIND OF MUSIC, LIKE REALLY LOUD ROCK AND ROLL?

**Debi Quayle
Nashville, Tenn.**

Debi—he wants to sing what you want to hear. He likes hard rock, and he does a little, but it's not the only kind of music he likes—and it's not the only kind **you** like, either! Remember, he's singing to **you**!

That's all for now. Be talking to you soon!

Love,

Kim & Dave