



Hi to everyone!

Guess you're all back to school by now with another set of beautiful summer memories behind you. If you're anything like I was when I was a teenager, then you've thoroughly knocked yourself out with all these strenuous summer activities and you're looking forward to the new school term just so you can RELAX!

I haven't been up to anything too unusual. Still filming "The Partridge Family," doing concerts and rehearsing new material. But what I *really* want to do is answer a lot of your letters this time—some of them really made me chuckle. Hope you do, too!

**Dear David:**

**How can you start a really good singing career when you live in a town where nobody can discover you?**

**Shari Gundelfinger  
Hastings, Nebraska**

**Dear David:**

**I would like to know if you ever got a letter from a boy?**

**John Doyle  
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.**

**Dear David:**

**Hi! I wanted to ask you a question that's been really bugging me. In one magazine I read that you hated 13 and 14 year old girls. In another magazine I read that you loved all your little fans. How do you really feel? Also, what zodiac sign are you? Did you ever chip a tooth? What's it like being a great celebrity?**

**Stefanie  
Cumberland, Maryland**

**Dear David:**

**When you made your first recording with the Partridges, were you nervous?**

**Lisa Pershing  
Detroit, Michigan**

Aren't these a great bunch of letters?

I can appreciate your dilemma, Shari. Before I moved to California, I lived in an out-of-the-way place in New Jersey. After a Broadway show I was in folded, I moved to California permanently and that's when it all started happening for me. What you can do while you still live in Hastings is to learn to read music, perhaps even learn to play the guitar. Practice and be the best you can. Sing for a group whenever you get a chance—church groups, neighborhood barbecues, local socials—because you just never know who's going to hear you. You may even be "discov-

ered" in your own town! If all else fails, perhaps you can move to a larger city when you're out of school and financially independent of your parents. Good luck!

Yes, John, I have gotten letters from boys in the past—just like you sent me your letter! It's nice to have fans behind you—both boy and girl fans! And thanks for writing!

And that statement brings me to your letter, Stefanie, about how I feel toward my 13-year-old fans. I don't know where you read that there's *anyone* in the world I "hate," because that's not me at all. As far as how I feel about my fans, I think that any actor or entertainer who says he doesn't like his fans is really biting the hand that feeds him. It's my fans who are responsible for my popularity—if they didn't like me and didn't come to my concerts I would never be invited to appear at any concert hall, now would I? The public makes you or breaks you, so it's silly to say that your fans don't matter. They matter very much. When I walk out on that stage and see the auditorium jammed-packed with people who'd rather have me sing than anybody else, who are so filled with love for me—then I know that I made the right choice when I decided to be an entertainer. And the only kind of feelings I have when I sing are those of love and happiness. In answer to your questions: I'm an Aries, born April 12; I never chipped a tooth and it's a lot of fun being a celebrity. I dig it!

Hey, Lisa, I'd certainly be pulling your leg tried to say that I wasn't nervous when I made my first record with the Partridges, "I Think I Love You." It was my very *first* record and we had to do many takes before the producers got the one they wanted. Now when I record an album, I'm more sure of myself. But that feeling only comes with practice. First times are scary for almost everybody—and yours truly is no exception, Lisa!

Wouldn't you know that just when I'm going full-speed ahead I run out of room. I really love your letters so keep 'em coming! Join me on this page next issue . . .

This is YOUR page, too. You can write to David, ask him anything you want to know about "The Partridge Family," himself, members of the cast, his past or future, his opinions—anything! Send your letters to:

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