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"Won't you do me this favor and allow me to be myself and not someone who belongs only on a pedestal never to be touched with all the realities of life?"

But even as he finished writing, David knew it was no use. He crumpled the paper and threw it in the trash.

IS IT LOVE?

It was love that brought these demands to him from his fans. And, in his heart, he hoped that the love was real and strong enough to last even if some of the demands weren't carried out. It was this hope alone that gave him the courage to go on and do his best. Perhaps if he was

true to himself despite the criticisms, he would be able to show his fans that he could be a better person for it.

Would they understand? David was certain of it. If you really love someone, you don't demand anything from him—you simply ask. And this was all he was asking of those he loved—please let me be the person I am, making my own decisions, without pressure or complaint. Let me have room to grow as a person like anyone else!

As David reached the door, he paused at the light switch. "Please let it be all right tonight. Let this be one time when there are no demands. Please let it end!"

As the door closed behind him he drew a deep breath. Tonight he would be David Cassidy the person with both feet on the ground. For once, but not for the last time, his feet wouldn't be on that pedestal!



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