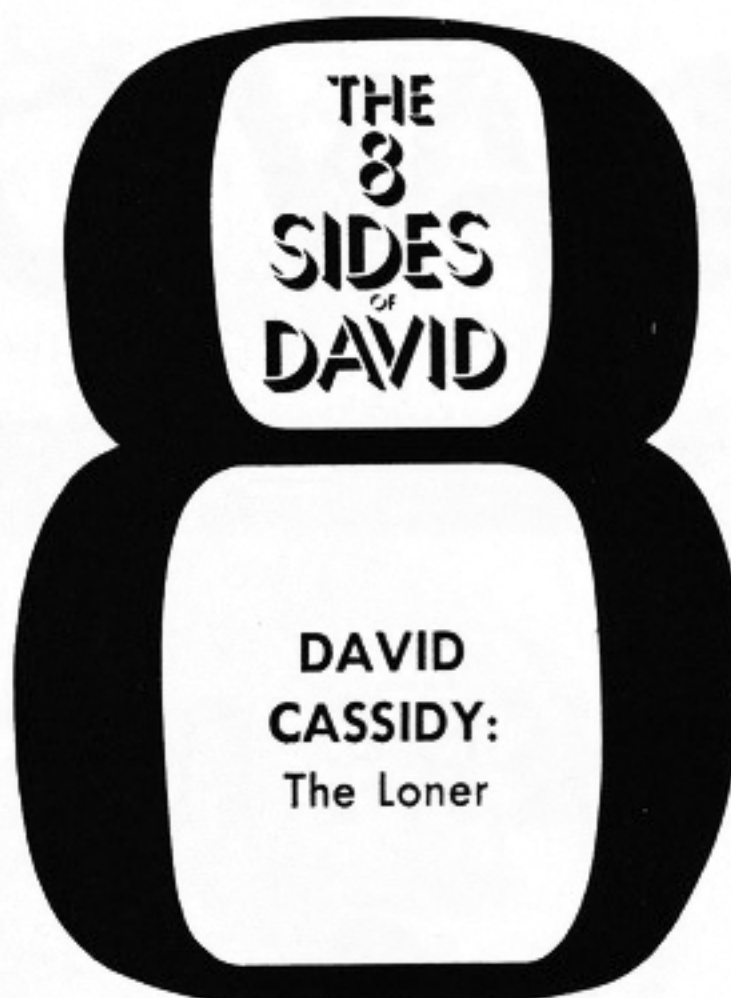
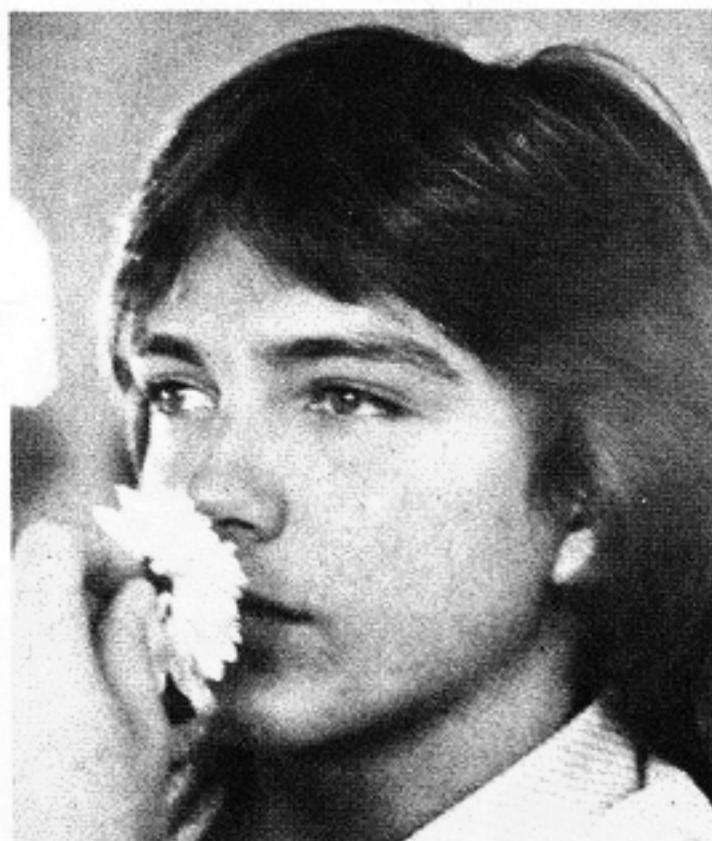


It isn't surprising that David Cassidy is often called a loner. After all, he was an only child and grew up quite used to the idea of being by himself. He played by himself for hours when he was a little boy and sometimes he would let his imagination take over for hours a day. He imagined all sorts of adventures and things that he would do when he grew up. This isn't an unusual pastime for a child who may grow up to become an actor, because an actor needs more than anything to have a vivid imagination.

Now that David's grown up and a star whom everyone knows, it isn't quite as easy for him to be a loner. But even to his close friends, David is not outgoing. He prefers to keep most of his thoughts private rather than share them with others.

On the Partridge set, David has discovered that the only time he can really be alone is between scenes. As soon as filming halts, David heads directly for his dressing room where he can be alone. Often he uses this time to catch up on his reading or to work on some new ideas in music. But lately even these alone times have been used up by the necessity to catch up on his sleep.

David has often been known to say "I don't mind being alone, but I don't like to feel lonely." Sometimes you can be in a large group of people and still feel that you're



by yourself. Then at other times you can spend two complete days without seeing or talking to another person and feel completely at peace inside yourself and not need anything.

Because of his basic need to be alone, David has found it hard to come out of his shell when surrounded by hundreds of fans. At first he just put his head down and kept walking when fans spotted him. But gradually he has been able to overcome his fears of being recognized. At the Screen Gems gate in the evening he stops and talks and even jokes with fans. He's even stopped getting uptight over fans following his car on the way home.

David's European vacation in January gave him a chance to get away from everything and everyone for the first time in more than a year. He rented a camper and toured the European countryside. Even though he ran into some trouble with theft, David was able to collect all his thoughts once again and sort of put everything together. It was a good feeling to be alone but he was glad to return to his friends.

