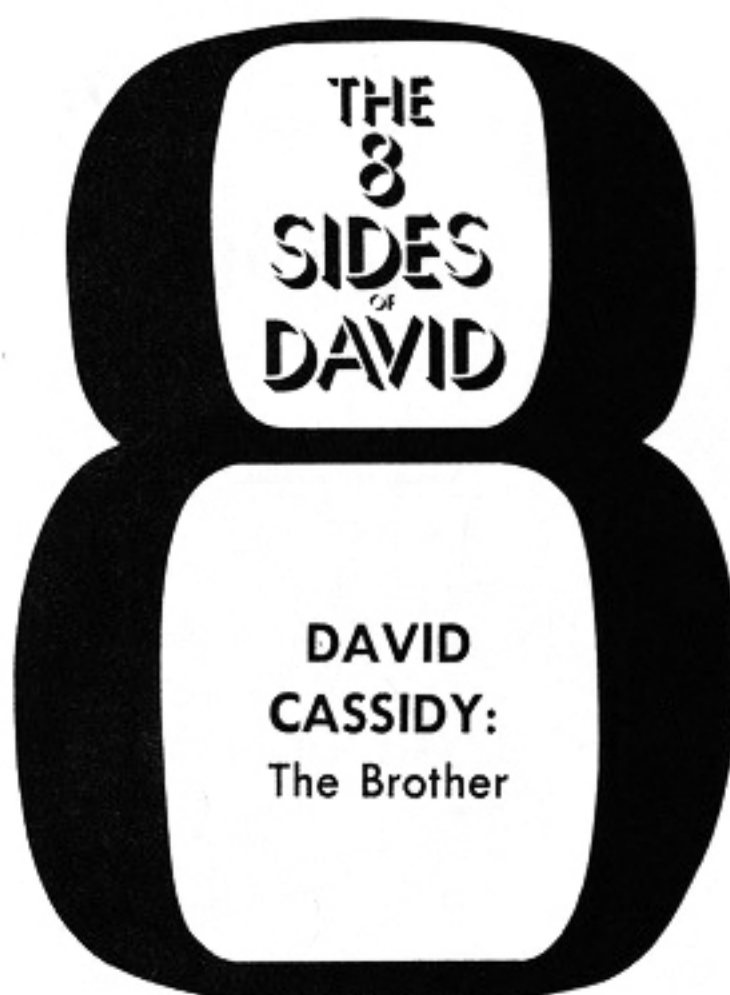


to be alone; to think; to sort things out in his mind. During those long, lonely hours, David's only companion was his music. It became his "secret friend."

"Music became the single most important discovery of my life. I realized that it was the purest kind of beauty and joy in the world."

As a singing member of the Partridge Family, David has had a great many good times. But, when Bell Records released his first solo recording, "Cherish," late last year, it was a special thrill for David.

"I'd gotten so used to hearing myself as a member of the group I almost forgot what I sounded like as a solo artist. I'm still thrilled by the recording and the fact that people liked it. I hope to do more."



Although David never really had the chance to experience the feeling of being a brother when he was younger, today, more than ever he feels like a brother. Not only to his three stepbrothers but to Sam as well who David feels is as close to being a brother as anyone possibly could be.

Perhaps the one thing in family life that David has missed is a sister. Ever since he can remember he's

wanted one. "I know how it feels to have brothers. The great joy and sharing you get from them but if one thing could be changed I wish it would be for me to have a sister."

David, of course, doesn't have one. Susan Dey, however, has been as close to a sister as anyone. "I've learned a lot from Susan," David says. "She's helped me understand girls better and the feelings they have. She's also made me wish more than anything that I could have a sister."

What kind of brother would David be?

"I think that girls are the most important people in the world to me and a sister would be that much more important. I would try and share my music and acting with her. I'd ask her what she really thinks of me and my actions. I think a sister would be very truthful to me, too. If I got to feeling too important, then I think a sister would let me know. She wouldn't let me go on making a fool of myself. It would really be fun to share experiences and travels with a sister. Perhaps, one of these days I'll be able to."

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