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"The guitar is a good release. I lose myself when I play it.

"I don't do a lot of writing although I do more now than I used to. 'Ricky's Tune' is my only composition on the new albums. I recorded it not because it's a particularly good song but because it's dedicated to a dog I used to have. The dog died. It was the first time I'd written something alone. Maybe I'll put a few of my own things on the next album."

David Cassidy's looks have been compared to Shirley MacClaine and Jane Fonda. Does he object?

"I've given up caring," he said angrily. "I've been compared to so many different people, both male and female. I guess eventually people will get compared to me. I don't let things like that bug me. The whole day is filled with so many silly things and I can't let these little things get to me. If I did then I'd have gone out of my mind long ago.

"Now that I've been this successful I'm allowed the luxury of choosing my own material both in singing and acting and I'm very pleased about this.

"I can please myself. I don't have to worry about being used as a vehicle and I have no worries about the gas and phone bills anymore. When these things get on top of you they can hamper creativity. So many fantastic things have happened in the past four years and I say that gratefully. I'm pretty pleased with life.

"I like to think that my fans go for my music rather than for my face because that's what I'm all about." □ PAMELA HOLMAN

David Cassidy's biggest selling album is "Cherish" which Bell Records says has sold over 375,630. His single "Cherish" has sold over 1,179,000.

As a member of the Partridge Family, he had a 2 million-plus seller with the "Partridge Family" album, the "Up To Date" LP which went over 1,500,000 and "Sound Magazine" which sold over 1,137,000. A steady Christmas seller, every year, is "Xmas Card" by the Partridge Family which is around 996,000 sales.

The Partridge Family single, "I Think I Love You" sold an incredible 3,217,000 and "Doesn't Somebody Want To Be Wanted" is already over 1,500,000.

