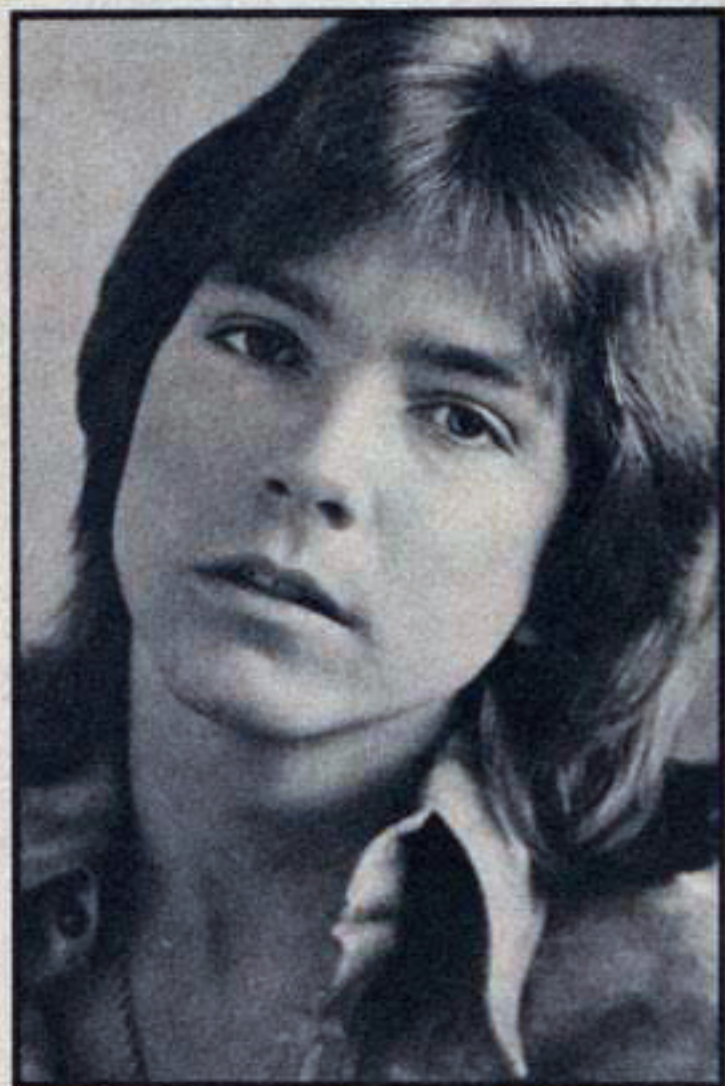


with

DAVID

By His Best Friend SAM HYMAN



DAVID'S MOODS CAN easily be seen on his face. His emotions show!

show because there was always the chance that they'd be laughed at, or scorned, or thrown back in his face!

WITHOUT TOUCHING!

But now that he receives so much love, he's learned how to give it, too! He was never much on touching people, but now he can't talk to someone he likes without touching all the time...to make a point, to get attention, or just to say "I like you!"

In fact, he's much more open in all ways to friendship than he's ever been before! It used to take him months to make a friend, opening up very slowly and carefully. Now he makes dozens of friends every time he goes on tour—and I mean real friends, people he writes letters to and talks to on the phone, and who stay at our house when they come to L.A.! If David hadn't changed in any other way, that would still be really important to him!

He's also changed in his basic approach to life. He used to worry about the future so much that he could barely enjoy the present! He was always smiling and seeming to have fun, but he could suddenly stare off into space and you'd know he was a million miles away—and that he wasn't enjoying his thoughts!

He told me a long time ago that he had once had an image of himself as a beat-up old man in a dirty coat, with no money or friends in the whole world, and that image had scared him so badly that he dreamed it for years!

Well, it's only in the last few months that he's stopped having that dream—and he's more relaxed and more able to enjoy himself now than he ever was! I guess he's finally had to admit to himself that he's a success, and that there's nothing worth worrying about now!

FEELS SECURE

Now when we hike through the hills in Big Sur, he's totally **there**, completely turned on, noticing everything. He never thinks about all the tomorrows and all the things that could go wrong, anymore. He feels—and this is really important—**secure**. The reason? He knows that you really do love him!

I wanted to tell you all this because David has read me so many letters from girls who tell him that he changed their lives...and those letters really touch him. I just wanted you to know that you've changed David's life even more than you think possible!

Most of the time when I write these little visits with you, David stands over my shoulder, making fun of the things I say or pointing out that things didn't "really happen that way!" (David's memory is made of elastic.)

But this time, when I told him what I was going to write about, he just said, "Great. Make it good, OK?" and went into the other room. He came out and

read the first few pages I typed just a minute ago, and he grinned and said, "Hey, this could go on forever!"

Just before he headed out the front door for the studio, he turned and said, "Make sure to tell them that they're responsible for some bad changes, too. I can remember when I thought 10 AM was the crack of dawn—and now I've been getting up at 5:30 for so long that I even do it on weekends!"

So there you are. But he's also the new David Cassidy, who's a much nicer and happier person than the old one was. And that's thanks to you.

See you next time.

Sam Hyman



REMEMBER WHAT I said about emotions showing on David's face? The second Partridge season found him happy and smilin'! He smiles a lot!



WOULD YOU BELIEVE this picture was taken about 3 years ago at David's first home shooting? We were living in Laurel Canyon way back then! Wow!