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Here I am back at work on "The Partridge Family" again. It's hard to believe we're going into our fourth season! Sometimes it seems like we just started yesterday!

Four whole years—man, there have been a lot of changes in those years. I think I'm a lot older than I was before all this happened. I guess we've all grown up a lot on the show.

Just look at Susan—I wish you could see her now. She's sitting in her chair studying her lines and her hair's falling down around her face and she just looks fantastic! She was kind of a scared girl when we started this—I guess we were all pretty scared—but now she's grown into quite a good actress. I feel very proud to be her friend.

I remember when she first came out from New York—she and I used to have long talks about Hollywood and what it's all about and what's important. Now it seems we spend more time talking about the show and the people we know—

we've both gotten pretty accustomed to Hollywood.

Danny just walked by drinking some milk and it reminded me of one of the funniest things that ever happened on the set. Susan, Danny and Shirley were doing this scene with Shirley and Danny sitting at the kitchen table. Susan was serving Danny some milk while she said her lines.

Well, they had to keep doing the scene over and over because Danny just couldn't get his lines right (we all have days like that once in a while!)

Finally they got the scene right, but Susan and the director had already worked out this joke, so the director told them they'd have to do the scene one more time. Only this time, with the cameras running, instead of pouring the milk in Danny's glass, Susan poured the entire pitcher right over his head! It was hilarious! I cracked up! You really should see that piece of film. Boy was Danny ever surprised!

And you better believe he knew all his lines for the next scene!

Danny and I have played a lot of tricks on each other over these past years. He's forever throwing something at me or I'm dumping popcorn down his back or hiding his bike or something.

Danny's mother is really great. She never gets upset at all the fooling around as long as no one gets hurt!

Actually everyone on the show is great. We've got a great crew! I guess we are kind of like one big family, all working together to make the show as good as possible.

People still ask me what it's like to work with my stepmother and I always tell them it's great because she's great. As a person she's one of the nicest, warmest people I know, and as an actress she's fantastic. I really do love working with her.

Well, right now I've got eight pages of dialogue to memorize so I better get to it. This show we're working on now is really good—I wish I could tell you about it but that would spoil the surprise! I just hope you enjoy watching this show as much as I am enjoying making it!

And, since I've got a little bit of space left, I'd like to thank the people most responsible for making "The Partridge Family" a successful show—you, our fans. We all love you!

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