

from David's first mention — we think they prove he hasn't. What do you think?

FEB 1972

He looks tired but his eyes are bright with excitement.

"I can't believe I'm leaving," he says and punches his friend in the arm.

"If you make me drive off this road, you'll end up in hospital instead of on a plane," remarks his friend.

But he isn't listening. "A real holiday. Just me and Europe." He sighs happily and checks his watch.

"We're not going to be late are we?"

"I'll get you there in plenty of time. And be quiet. I'm starting to get jealous. I might even come with you."

"Nope, you know I haven't been alone in months. I've got a lot of thinking to do. I haven't even had time to do that lately."

Everything goes smoothly until he's checking in. Suddenly two girls see him and rush over. Before long he's completely surrounded by fans begging for autographs. The crowd grows but he finally has to leave and runs to catch the plane!

Hours later he arrives rubbing his eyes sleepily. He begins to wake up a little as he walks through customs. Two girls walk by, they smile at him and go on their way. He can't help laughing out loud. It's terrific, they don't even know he's David Cassidy. For the first time he can relax!

MARCH 1973

Everyone was waiting for him.

"Sorry I'm late the traffic was terrible," he says to the photographer. "Is this outfit okay?"

He looks at him in the beige trousers and jacket.

"Great. Where did you find it?"

"I had it made in London," he remarks casually getting up on a stool and facing the camera. He starts to work changing from one pose to another with practised ease.

"Anything exciting happening?" asks the photographer.

"I'm working on a whole load of new music for my stage act. Heavy!"

"Watch out," the photographer laughs, "or you'll change your image."

He doesn't smile. "That's exactly right. Next season is the last I've got with the TV company. I've got plans for doing different things after that."

"You mean more dramatic roles?"

"Right!" He pulls on a turtle-neck sweater someone hands him and takes his place on the stool again. "I'd like to play a bad guy the kind of role that will really show what I can do. It's been almost three years since I've had a chance to act in something more serious. It's time for me to stretch out and grow..."

NOW

He's different now, more confident and sure of himself. He also knows what he wants to do with his life. Try acting serious and heavier parts and let his fans see him in a different light.

He can afford expensive luxuries too — a beautiful home, car and clothes. But he hasn't grown conceited by it all. Not a bit. He works several days a month at the Los Angeles Hospital helping out generally. Really nice indeed.

No, the fans, the attention and the money hasn't turned his head. In many ways he's still the same shy boy that walked into that director's office three years ago. And that's why we love him.

Though his enemies may make him out to be bad tempered and conceited — really he's the same as he always was.

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