



DAVID IS LOVELY

Have you ever felt left out in a crowd of people or been neglected by your friends? If you have you'll know what it's like to be lonely. Other people have the same experiences, even David. This is what he told us about his own special private loneliness...

rent or where my next meal is coming from. And I have something else very special. It's the greatest feeling of all — the love you give me.

Many people would say I have everything in life I could ever want. But they're wrong. Very wrong indeed. No matter how much an audience seems to like me, no matter how many records I sell or how much publicity I receive there is something in my life I dread.

It's quite simply coming home to an empty house at the end of a long hard day. Its silence is a complete contrast to the hustle-bustle of the studio that my friend didn't like.

Okay I love my home. I dreamed of living in such a house ever since I was a child. It's beautiful, cool and spacious. But my heart sinks inside me when I turn my car into the drive at night. I turn the key in the door and step into silence. The furniture and walls stare back at me and the only sound I hear is the hum of the air-conditioner or perhaps the purring sound of the fridge in the kitchen.

I often try to fill my house with noise and laughter by asking some of my friends over. It does work up to a

— the love neither of us has to mention because we know it's there.

But the most important part of the day will be later on in the evening when I've finished helping my wife put the children to bed. We'll sit together on the couch and my wife will put her head on my shoulder. It's then I'll tell her about all the things I've never told anyone. The things I've kept bottled up for years. And she will understand everything and clench my hand just that little bit tighter and whisper, "Nothing matters any more my darling now we've found each other." And as I bend down to kiss her all the loneliness and troubles of the past years will be swept away.

But I haven't found that special girl yet. I know she's somewhere in the world walking around, leading a normal life and perhaps she's never even heard of David Cassidy!

Your letters help a lot. They remind me that you care just as much as I care for you. They take away the lonely ache in my heart and make me forget my troubles for a while.

So now you know going home to an empty house isn't easy even for a celebrity like me.



A few months ago a close friend of mine was visiting me one afternoon on the set of the Partridge Family. Our show is put together by a crew of about forty people so as you can imagine the place can get really crowded when everyone is running around doing his job.

This friend had never been on a studio set before and he was amazed by all the activity that took place. He stood fascinated, watching the technicians rig up more lights and our wardrobe mistress sewing frantically away in the middle of the set. Dave Madden was repeating his lines over and over to himself in a corner whilst Shirley Jones was having her hair done by the set's hairdresser.

Finally my friend turned to me and said, "David how can you stand all this fuss? It seems to be so noisy. It would drive me mad."

Later when I was back in the peace and quiet of my dressing room I thought about what I'd said to my friend. I realised that I thrive on having lots of people around me. Perhaps that has something to do with the reason why I became an actor.

I realise that I've been fortunate in my personal and professional life. I have a successful career and I'm financially secure. I don't have to worry about paying the

point. Friends are really great. You can phone them up or go over to see them if you want to talk over a problem or just chat and pass the time of day. But they have their own homes too. And when they return to them you're soon left alone again.

Sometimes I can't stand the thought of going back to that empty house at the end of a hard day. It's then I pack my suitcases and go visiting. Maybe I'll stay with a few friends or even ask them to come over to my place for a while. That's when I can forget my loneliness. We usually stay up late talking and telling each other funny jokes and stories. The larder's cleared out halfway through the evening and next morning we're exhausted and still full of food!

I realise that what I really miss and want is that special girl who'll share my house and make it a home. The girl who'll become my wife will have all my devotion and love for the rest of my life. It'll be because of her that I'll rush home from the studio every day anxious to tell her how my day has gone.

I can see her now waiting by the front door with a sunshine smile on her face that will automatically make me forget all my worries as soon as I see her.

My wife and I will look at each other above our children's heads. And there'll be understanding in our eyes



YOUR HOROSCOPE

- ARIES** (March 21 to April 20)
A loved one may get bad tired over the next few days. If the something fruitful — take care their mood will soon pass.
- TAURUS** (April 21 to May 21)
You could find yourself a bit tired and upset early in the week, but a small incident at home or at work will brighten up your day about spending money until the week.
- GEMINI** (May 22 to June 21)
Not a very exciting time during the next few days. Your dreams won't last long! The scene will brighten up towards the end of the week.
- CANCER** (June 22 to July 22)
Someone you like may let you down this week. So how about trying some new friends — You may get along fine.
- LEO** (July 23 to August 23)
Be easy going and don't be too rigid to what you think is right. People are entitled to have their views too!
- VIRGO** (August 24 to September 23)
Playing it calmly and coolly during the next few days. Admit that you're not perfect. You'll take care of your health! You'll have no energy left for the week which promises a lot!
- LIBRA** (September 24 to October 23)
Plans for the weekend could go wrong. So prepare yourself for the other type of amusement. You'll find you enjoy it more!
- SCORPIO** (October 24 to November 23)
A few misunderstandings during the next few days. Admit that you're not perfect. You'll take care of your health! You'll have no energy left for the week which promises a lot!
- SAGITTARIUS** (November 24 to December 23)
If you have a quick tongue — check, on it! Otherwise you'll find yourself slip sliding in the mid dirty big row! Tuesday should be a good day for you.
- CAPRICORN** (December 24 to January 23)
You'll find you spend more time than you intended this week. But one will admire your new — perhaps those extra pennies thrown away after all!
- AQUARIUS** (January 24 to February 23)
You could find yourself a bit tired and upset early in the week, but a small incident at home or at work will brighten up your day about spending money until the week.
- PISCES** (February 24 to March 21)
Early next week could prove important time for you. Think hard and listen to your folks and before making a firm decision anything.