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Time has a way of changing everything—the neighborhood you live in, your school, family, even your own personality and the way you feel about friends and people you know.

Chances are the girl who was your very, very best friend in the first grade isn't your best friend now. Maybe she's moved away, maybe you've moved, but it could be that you've just grown apart! At some point, you didn't feel the same about things anymore—the things you liked to do bored her, and the subjects she liked to talk about weren't interesting to you—so you each found your own friends. There was no big fight, and you don't dislike each other now. Even though you still talk to each other, it's just not the same anymore!

GROWING TOGETHER

There's nothing wrong with growing away from each other. It happens every day! And there's no reason to try to *stop* growing just to keep things the same as they've always been. It's part of getting older, learning and developing yourself!

If you're lucky, someone you like very much will grow in the same direction as you do, so that even though you'll both have grown up and gotten new ideas and interests, you'll still be the best of friends! Friendship is very special when that happens, don't you think? And that friendship, when it's between a boy and a girl, is the kind that grows into love!

YOUR FRIEND, DAVID

You've counted David Cassidy among your friends for maybe as long as four years now! You might have seen his concerts, maybe gotten to meet him! But one thing's for sure: You've watched every single "Partridge Family" show and read all about him. You've studied David's personality so closely, you know him about as well as you know your best friend!

But there's no use telling yourself that David's the same as he was four years ago—he isn't! May-

"NEW" DAVID?



be the most noticeable changes have taken place just within the last year or so.

We don't mean the clothes he wears or the way he cuts his hair, although that's part of it. But, just like you, David's changed his personality a little and has met new friends, too!

ALICE AND ELTON

Some of his old friends, like Sam Hyman, are still very much David's friends. But traveling and being in show business gave David a great opportunity to meet a lot of new people, and the friends he's made recently are different from his other friends. Two of David's new friends are Alice Cooper and Elton John!

If you've heard any of Alice's or Elton's records, you know they're what could be called "heavy" rock singers. Alice has a wild concert act, with staged fights, snakes and weird make-up!

Elton has expensive tastes and buys way-out clothes. He even has pink hair!

David admires his new friends, so it's only natural that some of his ideas have changed in their direction. He began to change his concerts and the way he sang. The costumes David wore in Europe were wilder than anything he's worn before! The songs he enjoys singing are more like Alice's and Elton's songs—hard rock.

NOT A PARTRIDGE

None of David's new interests have affected the way he plays his part on "The Partridge Family." It's true that David's personality used to be more like Keith's fictitious personality—one that David made come to life every week on television!

But even though David has changed, he can still switch to Keith's part with no trouble at all! That's one of the marks of a truly good actor!

However, it's *because* of David's growth that he feels the Partridge image is the wrong one for him now. And that's not bad—it's just that he wants to have his *own*