

THINGS DIFFERENT STARS

furniture because there isn't enough room for the silver discs. And seeing a little thirteen-year-old's face at the front of the stage, all wide-eyed and open-mouthed. If she wasn't tapping her feet you'd think she was in a trance!"

Ron Mael (Sparks)

"Happiness is . . . finding that the English are as beautiful as we'd always thought they would be, and discovering that we could survive an English winter and come out unharmed. Happiness is the feeling you get when something kills you you have been accepted, adopted, liked and respected. Nobody's actually put it into words, but suddenly Russ and I woke up and knew we could call England home."

Barry Blue

"Happiness is . . . finishing a new song with Lynsey Paul, having either of them turn it into a hit and carrying it on 'Top Of The Pops'. It's also visiting railway museums, collecting

good cigars and fine wine. Happiness is a Mercedes car gleaming from inside the showroom. Over the moon happiness is the day I take it home!"

Donny Osmond

"Happiness is . . . a big family who all get a huge kick out of doing the same things and yet manage to retain their own personalities. Happiness is love which is returned, given away and returned and so on. I think that's the only thing you can give away forever and still never run out of it. For me happiness is also music, the fans, and theatres when everybody's gone home. Happiness is also wide open spaces where you get room to spread and breathe a little easier."

David Cassidy

"Happiness is . . . Hawaii-shaped, as you must already know! It's drinking right out of a coconut shell; beautiful girls who walk with their heads held high, and foaming waves crashing onto the beach. Happi-

ness is looking down from the top of the hill onto the lights of Los Angeles at night and wondering how such a beautiful sight can turn sour by day. Happiness is fans who don't care about the rock critics. They respond to their own senses."

Bowie

"Happiness is . . . waking up in the morning and being so grateful you've got at least another day on this planet. Happiness is colour, bold positive colour that wipes away the grey. Happiness is life, love and the possibility of shaking hands with a Martian. It's children and their honesty, friends and their kindness. Happiness is being able to live more or less truthfully by one's own set of rules—and living a life that doesn't hurt anybody else."

Dave Hill

"Happiness is . . . stomping, that's what. It's walking into the gig and feeling like you've come home. It's touching down at an airport for the first time and wondering what sort of people live at the end of the runway. Happiness is being surrounded by the truest friends a man ever had, and knowing you can call them up at four in the morning if you run out of petrol or clean socks. Happiness is also being able to borrow glitter from a fan."

Bill Gask (Showaddywaddy)

"Happiness is . . . rock 'n' roll. And for us to be able to bring vintage rock 'n' roll to people who weren't old enough to hear it first time round is fantastic. There can't be many musicians in pop who didn't get started with rock 'n' roll, and still it's influence is there. Fads come and go but the good old rock, '50s style, stays right there. Happiness is proving that you don't have to have a new sound to be up-to-date."

Elton John

"Happiness is . . . making the big time early enough in life so that I can retire while I'm still young, and plough something of what I've earned and learned into the business that has given me so much. Happiness is being able to repay a kindness, lend your name to good causes and avoid big tackles in charity football matches because people know you've got a gig next night. Happiness would be seeing Manchester United coming to play Watford in a first division match in my lifetime!"

Steve Harley (Cockney Rebel)

"Happiness is freedom, the freedom that success brings. The freedom to do what you want, how you want, when you want. Happiness is going ahead in a straight line without stopping to think if anybody else is on the same track and suddenly realising that the train is crowded! Happiness is getting applauded by people who have paid to put their hands together."

