

David has had his share of heartbreak, of tears and of pain in his 24 years. He was quite young when the sadness of

divorce broke into his life, and all those years of hoping his father would come back, or even call him every week will never really be forgotten.

He's had the heartbreak of losing his dog Sam, whom he loved and cared for, and even the puppy he was given to replace the emptiness Sam left, died several months later.


When stardom hit David, he went through all the personal hurt of being talked about badly by people envious of his success. Rumors were spread about his lifestyle and heavy rock fans put his type of music down. And, after he announced

he
didn't
want

to be a teen-idol, even a lot of his fans turned against him!

This past year has been a good one for David, though! His World Tour was a super success! His new European fans accepted his newer style of singing, and wherever he went he was mobbed by adoring girls.

Then tragedy struck. A young girl, who was just fourteen years old died from a heart attack at one of his concerts in London. She loved David! His music, his voice. Everything about him made her happy! She went to his concert to feel even happier, but the excitement was too much for her. Her heart faltered and stopped. Bernadette Wheeler was rushed to the hospital, and when David found out what happened he called the hospital and sent her flowers. On May 30, 1974, she died.

Certainly nobody blames David for her death. It just happened. But for David, and for Bernadette's family, it was a new tragedy. It is not something anybody can forget, least of all David. He's at home in seclusion now, and has no new plans for any immediate concert dates. It is a time of sadness for him now, and it's a time when he needs his fans and friends more than ever. Are you still there for him to call upon if he needs you? We are, and our prayers are with him and with the family of young Bernadette Wheeler! 

DAVID CASSIDY:

MORE TEARS, MORE PAIN!

David Cassidy has lived through a lot of sadness in the past years and now, when he's been having one of the happiest years of his life, sadness had touched him again.