HIS NERVES WERE IN SHREDS, HE TRUSTED NO ONE BUT NOW DAVID CASSIDY'S BACK AND HE KNOWS WHERE HE'S GOING!

If you were to look at David Cassidy, [illegible] would say he has everything: a successful [illegible] his pick of the girls, lots of friends, two [illegible] houses in America where he raises horses [illegible] more money than you or I would earn.

Yet, if you look a bit closer, you'll see it hasn't come cheaply. And even worse, perhaps, he has suffered a great deal of [illegible] break and let-down in the process of collecting all those good things in life.

For once he was into the Rock 'n' [illegible] business, David had [illegible] time to himself [illegible] consequently [illegible] heading straight for nervous breakdown [illegible] was gone, he had [illegible] girl . . .

"I was involved with this girl but because of my career, the Rock [illegible] Roll experience, I was unable to maintain a relationship with [illegible] It got me so crazy [illegible] got out of touch with myself. I had an emotional breakdown."

Gone are the days of the long hair and fancy costumes

David lost his lady to someone else.

He looked sad. But surely he could have tried to break away from the ties that held [illegible] to his career?

"I did, finally, fourteen or fifteen months ago. I said I needed to stop and I stopped. I [illegible] have got in touch with myself and am [illegible] relating to the way I want to live."

Now that David is trying to build up a [illegible] new image, what will happen to the fans who are still carrying a torch for the fresh [illegible] teenage idol? Will they be turned away?

"No, I'm not going to say to them 'get [illegible] from me'. Just don't expect me to be someone else—someone I'm not. That's the person [illegible] the TV show."

David feels his new record company [illegible] understand he is not "just a commodity, [illegible] thing to be merchandised." The album [illegible] has done for them, *The Higher They Climb, The Harder They Fall*, is his first in two [illegible] In fact, he would like to regard it as his [illegible] as he feels that musically he is reborn.

He is also considering taking an acting [illegible] role. "I've turned down a lot of things [illegible] were really mediocre. I don't need to compromise on my career anymore. I get typecast. You [illegible] the kind of thing—they keep offering me [illegible] of boy with dog or real hard core porn."

Having such a pretty face can have its [illegible] backs. Funny how there is always someone [illegible] would like to make an evil film out of a [illegible] girl or handsome man. Cassidy is not into [illegible] kind of film at all.

"I'd rather never act again if I can't act [illegible] the films I like." BOB STIRL