

"My Identi-kit Fan"

By David Cassidy

Somebody asked David Cassidy a while back how he imagined his average fan. At first David was quite put out at being asked the question. He explains why . . .

"I thought it was a pretty dumb thing to ask. Firstly because I refused to believe there was such a thing as an average fan. To me, they are all different and all great! And secondly I figured it must have been pretty obvious how I imagined my fans . . . mostly girls who saw something in my looks my personality and/or my talents. Then it began to get through to me, I rarely saw my fans!

"And you can imagine what went through my mind when that realisation hit me. I very, very seldom come into face to face situations with my fans. They aren't around at recording sessions for obvious reasons. At concerts I can hear them well enough but with the strong light in my eyes and the audience in virtual darkness, I never see more than a hazy blur of the first couple of rows and any other time I'm forced to run through them or dive into a car and speed away from them.

"I'm sure we don't have to go into that again, I hope it's

enough for me to say once again that I very much regret not being able to talk to many of you, or even spend more time singing autographs. But to get back to my story, I decided it was about time I found out exactly what a David Cassidy fan was.

"So for the next few concerts I took my life in my hands and actually went out into the audiences—in heavy disguise I hasten to add—and took a quick look at as many fans as my eyes would take in. I read the fan magazines thoroughly and picked on all the letters from girls who said they were fans of mine. I looked back through old newspaper cuttings for photographs of crowd scenes when I was landing at an airport or checking in an hotel.

"Believe me, it was some eye-opener! I'd never have believed it myself, but there is some sort of common link between lots of my fans. The way they think, the way they feel, even to some extent the way they dress and look. But still I wouldn't say there was such a thing as an average fan . . . Let's face it, if we are being ourselves we can't possibly be average because each of us is unique.

"But just for fun I decided to

