

Cassidy trying . . . to shed old image

LOS ANGELES (AP) — David Cassidy still sports the long, shaggy hairdo of Keith Partridge — plus a few gray hairs — but wants to shed his old teeny-bopper image with a comeback album.

The former star of television's "The Partridge Family" would just as soon forget such early-'70s pop hits as "I Think I Love You." He said he hopes listeners will see his serious side with his new album, "David Cassidy."

"I was really naive enough to think people won't assume the music I'm playing on the show and that light, fluffy sort of airhead character was really me," he said Wednesday.

After leaving songwriting and television, Cassidy raised racehorses and worked in theater after a few solo album failures.