

Q *From time to time, you hear about David Cassidy, who was so popular back in the 1970s on TV's "The Partridge Family." But then he disappears again. Can you tell me what he's up to nowadays?—Martha Hall, North, Va.*

A David Cassidy, 43, hasn't had an easy time of it since his days as TV's top teenage heartthrob. His career went south after "The Partridge Family," starring his stepmother, Shirley Jones, went off the air in 1974; his father, Jack Cassidy, died in a fire in 1976; and David's repeated bids at a comeback failed for nearly two decades. Today, however, the 5-foot-8 singer and actor is starring in the hit Broadway musical "Blood Brothers" with his half-brother, Shaun. When not onstage in New York, David lives with his third wife, songwriter Sue Shifrin, and their 2-year-old son, Beau, in Los Angeles, where he works on his autobiography in his spare time. "I want to make people aware of what I am and what I'm doing today," he says. "I've just about done it. I'm almost home."



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David Cassidy with wife, Sue: Will he disappear again?