

and plays that really stimulated me artistically. And the same went for music.

"The first thing to go was the Partridge Family. Now don't get me wrong — I've loved being in that show, and I owe it all my success.

"But I've been doing it now for so long it's time for a change. If I carried on playing Keith Partridge any longer, film people would think twice about giving me a role in anything else. I'd be type-cast!

"Still, I agreed to do one more series of the PF, and that'll be finished in November. I'll certainly miss Susan and Danny — they've become great friends as well as colleagues over the years. It really is like a family, y'know — on stage and off!

beaming grin. "I go for long walks, watch telly, listen to music — just taking my time and letting it all sink in.

"I refuse to be rushed — nobody's allowed to hustle me if I don't want to be disturbed. And it's funny — I don't seem to get lonely these days. I like the company of others, but I don't get frightened when I'm alone.

"The main thing is I've got time to dream. That's very important to me — I'm a dreamer by nature, and if I'm denied the time to sit and let my mind wander along where it wants to, I get very uptight and depressed."

There is something rather dreamy and whimsical about the new David — and it doesn't just show

in his face either. His new record is called "Daydreamer", too!

"I wanted to record a song that I really identified with. It took me a long time to find it — but this is it!

"I've also got a new album released in November, and I'm very pleased with it. I mean, it's really me. My favourite track's an old Lovin' Spoonful song called (and he grinned) Daydream! It's the sort of song that reminds you of lying on your back in the country on a warm summer's day.

Whatever David said about the reasons for his change of attitude, we couldn't help wondering if perhaps a new girlfriend was behind it all. But he just laughed and shook his

head.

"No — it's nothing like that! At the present my feelings about girls are the same as they've always been. I love 'em all — and I enjoy dating a lot.

"But I feel as if I've got enough on my plate at the moment without getting serious about anyone.

"The trouble is with romances in the entertainment world that both sides of your life demand your full attention.

"If you're going to give your career the concentration it needs then it's got to occupy your thoughts 24 hours a day.

"And if a marriage — or deep relationship — is going to work — well, that's a full time job, too!

"It just wouldn't be fair of me to get too involved



"But I'm sure it's best for all of us if I leave now. If I carried on and grew to hate it, I'd only bring the others down too..."

David's resolutions have certainly had an amazing effect on him — you can actually see the difference! He seems more happy and relaxed than we'd ever seen him before — and he doesn't give you the impression he's got to be rushing off somewhere in two minutes! He really has slowed down and unwound.

"I feel better than I have for about three years," he confided with a



just yet. Either my work or my partner would suffer. I couldn't cope with that..."

And so we left David to his thoughts. But before we bade him farewell, we asked if he was thinking of coming to England again in the near future for a proper visit.

"There's nothing I'd like more," he replied. "But I won't be hurried. I've got plans for a huge European tour next year and I'm looking forward to that. But if I jumped straight into now, it would be like before.

"I wouldn't have time to dream!"