

David BREAKING UP WITH YOU?

"ALL things come to an end". Many people believe in that saying. But can you believe it when it comes to David — breaking up with the people who love him?

David sat alone in the corner of the Partridge Family set, his hands folded in his lap, his head bowed.

The others thought he was resting between scenes, but



he had dragged his chair to the dark corner for another reason. The word had leaked out — he was leaving the Partridge Family.

He had hoped the truth wouldn't be discovered for at least a little while longer. It wasn't that he was afraid he was doing the wrong thing — he was sure he'd made the right decision.

It was just that he had wanted time to explain to his fans why he was leaving.

Ugly Words

He ran his fingers through his hair and thought again of the scene as he'd driven up to the studio gates, the group of girls standing there, crying.

They'd heard the news. He'd wanted to stop and talk



to them but he knew it wouldn't make any difference. Not then. So he'd smiled, and that seemed to make them sadder, and driven on.

It wasn't that he didn't like starring in the "Partridge Family". In fact, it was the opposite. He'd loved it from the very beginning and he was thankful that the chance had come along — the chance



to prove he could sing and act all in one show.

And he'd always be grateful to it for helping him fulfill a lifelong dream — to perform live on stage.

But, more important, it had given him a chance to meet and get to know wonderful people. All the crew who helped put the show together — Susan, Suzanne, Danny, Brian — and it had helped him get closer to his step-mum, Shirley too.

They were first

And of course it had helped him meet his fans — and no matter what anyone said they came first and were always in his heart.

Yet these people he loved



were the same he was hurting because he was leaving the show. If only he could make them understand, let them see it didn't mean he was leaving them behind — breaking away from them.

The only way an actor can grow is by continuously doing new things — trying heavier, more dramatic roles. That's all he wanted to do, act and sing. Yet everyone was making him feel he was deserting them.

A chance had come for him to star in an exciting movie, and he had accepted. Was it a wrong decision?

He wasn't just walking out of the Partridge Family. His contract had come up and he decided not to renew it.

Maybe Keith could be written out of the show, go away to college or something — and he could make guest appearances from time to time?

David looked up as the director beckoned to him to join the others on the set. He sighed and reached for his script. Yes, it was really true, this would be his last season filming on the Partridge set.



It had been a difficult decision to make — like a choice between two loves, and he hoped he had made the right one.

Only time would tell, and in a way, his fans too. Would they stick by his decision and understand? He hoped they would.