

DAVID CASSIDY: I'M ALONE TOO OFTEN

I got into this business young. I was therefore never really able to be who I wanted to be. I always had to do what others told me to do. Shaun is only 15, he also only sees the external glamor of my career. He wants to be like me. And I want to be someone else in reality. I'm going to take Shaun under my wing and build him up, just like I should have done a long time ago..." I tried to comfort David: "David, you should be proud of yourself. What you've already achieved at the age of 24 - fame, success. Fortune, and millions of girls at your feet... You've got your own house, stately properties in Hawaii..." David interrupted me rather brusquely: "That doesn't mean as much to me as you think. Actually I only care about my dog: I already long for him and my seven horses. I'm not really interested in material possessions. I don't need a palace, I don't need a Rolls-Royce or tailor-made suits from Rome. Of course, it's a nice feeling to have enough money. You never have to worry about rent, gas or phone bills." That's true, as I found out: David feels more comfortable in pizza joints than in posh restaurants. And I only know him privately in jeans and T-shirts - he only wears suits on stage. At the second concert in Hamburg

Photo 1

David wants to do everything himself: In the TV studio he does his own make-up before the show (1.), on stage he "commands" the band

Photo 2

Everywhere David (2nd from L) goes, he is surrounded by girls, like here at the BRAVO party in Munich. But he hasn't found the right one yet

Photo 3

Fun in Copenhagen: David whizzed through the airport corridors on a scooter

Photo 4

Also typical David: a girl discovers him in the hotel. He looks carefully to see if there are any more fans there

he was more relaxed than ever: for the first time, David dared to appear in an old washed-out baseball shirt instead of the planned white tuxedo. That's nice. That's the way to go," he said afterwards. I've never felt so comfortable in my life, and nobody minded." Yet all his companions had advised him against it..... The mistrustful David usually only trusts his own judgment. He is the absolute boss in his show. There's no arguing with a "no" from him, but he also takes responsibility for every mishap. His honesty is amazing. If David doesn't like someone, he lets them know. He has already hurt a lot of girls because of this: "All the girls who are after me don't want me, they just want the star," says David bitterly. He has been disappointed with almost all the girls he has been friends with so far. And when I thought I'd found the right girl, my career got in the way! Yes, I'm alone too often..."

The back cover of his latest single "Frozen Noses" arose from just such a situation: David was in love... The two were planning a vacation together. All alone. It came as it had to, important appointments put a spanner in the works. I was devastated. The girl wouldn't accept my commitments. I was alone again." I can understand this girl's reaction a little. But then again, I don't. David can be the most lovable, attentive, reliable and charming boy. On the other hand, he is the most withdrawn, complicated and sensitive boy I know. Once a girl has seen through and accepted these two sides of David, she could have heaven on earth. The only thing David won't forgive anyone for is not being taken seriously. Before this European tour, I imagined I knew David. I knew him as a somewhat complicated star, with some moods. Now I know better. I now know that David has had to sacrifice his private life for his career and suffers as a result. David has grown on me in these three weeks. David, whom I otherwise only knew as an interview partner, has become a friend to me.