

David's plea to you:  
"Just send  
me your love"

**"I value everything you've sent me because it shows you care . . . but we don't have to prove anything to each other."**

He'd known for quite some time that he was a popular guy, but David Cassidy had no idea just how devoted to him his fans were until he happened to mention that he had lost a treasured necklace. Within days he was flooded with necklaces of every shape, size, colour and material. If he'd had a neck twelve inches long and changed them every day, he still couldn't ever have worn them all!

"I was overwhelmed," David tells us. "I never thought just a casual mention that I'd lost something would have had such an effect. Of course, like every well-known person I get sacks of mail at Christmas and on my birthday but at every other time of the year, for no obvious reason, gifts arrive at various offices I'm connected with around the world.

"Believe me, if I were thinking of setting up in business with soft toys and jewellery, I'd be able to stock a small warehouse. I'm also doing okay for paintings and drawings of myself and should the need ever arise when I have to change my socks ten times a day, I've got drawers of them, every colour under the sun.

"What can I say but a huge great thank-you to everybody who has been so kind as to send me a present . . . and please, a request that you don't send any more. I really don't want to sound ungrateful because I'm not, I value everything you've sent me because it

shows you care but we don't have to prove anything to each other. I've got a stack of hit records to show that you like the music I make, a string of sell-out concerts which prove you like what I do on stage and some magic memories of airports and hotel receptions which showed what a buzz we get out of meeting each other.

"There are lots of reasons why I'd like you to stop sending me gifts and I'll try to explain them all. The obvious one is that I just haven't got room on my person, in my home or in my car for everything that is sent. I hope you'll agree that it is such a silly waste to have things still in their boxes just because I can't find anywhere to put them. Already a lot of presents have been given to children's homes and charities for under-privileged kids. I hope you agree that's a nice idea.

"Secondly I owe you so much more than I can ever repay and with every gift that arrives I'm further and further into debt! No, I didn't mean it that way but you know what I mean. I'm beginning to feel guilty when I think of all the time and trouble you've taken and there isn't even time for me to send a thank-you note. Of course there is time for me to do one or two letters a day but it wouldn't be fair to single out just a tiny handful and forget everybody else.

"Thirdly, I'd hate to think

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