

David Cassidy, former heartthrob of “The Partridge Family,” wants to make a comeback by returning to his roots, and he doesn’t mean bubble gum music.

“I was listening to (**Jimi Hendrix, John Mayall and Cream**,” he said. “It was a really difficult pill for me to swallow the first time I heard ‘I Think I Love You.’ ” Cassidy is now recording a “rock-blues-oriented” album for Enigma.

“I came through the tunnel of being David Cassidy,” says the singer. “I’m a lot . . . Well, I guess **Beaver Cleaver** was a deeper human being than people give ME credit for.”