

# David Bowie

From the glammed-out androgyny of Ziggy Stardust to his big 80s anthem, "Let's Dance," to his current "jungle-influenced" sound, David Bowie has proved to be rock's indestructible chameleon. This month, the Thin White Duke prepares to release a new album and

demonstrates here that, even though he is 51, his taste for oddities remains the same



**What is your idea of perfect happiness?**

Reading.

**What is your most marked characteristic?**

Getting a word in edgewise.

**What do you consider your greatest achievement?**

Discovering morning.

**What is your greatest fear?**

Converting kilometers to miles.

**Which historical figure do you most identify with?**

Santa Claus.

**Which living person do you most admire?**

Elvis.

**Who are your heroes in real life?**

The consumer.

**What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?**

While in New York, tolerance. Outside of New York, intolerance.

**What is the trait you most deplore in others?**

Talent.

**What is your favorite journey?**

The road of artistic excess.

**What do you consider the most overrated virtue?**

Sympathy and originality.

**Which words or phrases do you most overuse?**

Chthonic, miasma.

**What is your greatest regret?**

That I never wore bell-bottoms.

**What is your current state of mind?**

Pregnant.

**If you could change one thing about your family, what would it be?**

My fear of them (wife and son excluded).

**What is your most treasured possession?**

A photograph held together by cellophane tape of Little Richard that I bought in 1958, and a pressed and dried chrysanthemum picked on my honeymoon in Kyoto.

**What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?**

Living in fear.

**Where would you like to live?**

Northeast Bali or south Java.

**What is your favorite occupation?**

Squishing paint about a senseless canvas.

**What is the quality you most like in a man?**

The ability to return books.

**What is the quality you most like in a woman?**

The ability to burp on command.

**What are your favorite names?**

Sears & Roebuck.

**What is your motto?**

"What" is my motto.