



Teresa Brewer . . . she dreamed of being rich and famous, with mansion, cars . . .



She Can't Believe – She's a Celebrity!

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BACK IN TOLEDO when Teresa Brewer was helping to scrub floors and cook dinners for her big family, she indulged in the usual girlhood dreams of what it would be like to become rich and famous.

The fantasy included a mansion and a shiny new car for every day of the week.

Now, at the ripe old age of 25, ranked among the top distaff singers of the nation, Teresa lives almost as simply as she did in Toledo. No maid, no butler—not even a full time baby sitter.

How come?

"I guess I just enjoy keeping house," she said with a cheerful smile. "I'd feel pretty silly being waited on."

Teresa has never really conceived of herself as a show business celebrity. She rarely attends Broadway openings or swank parties and has few close friends within the television or recording industries.

"There's one thing I really want to be," she said. "A normal wife to my husband, Bill, and a good mother to my three kids."

Toward this end, she's concentrated heavily on TV and recording commitments, and done little traipsing

about the country on one night stands and nightclub engagements. She's had three youngsters in the last six years, each of which, she admits, "cost a small fortune in broken contracts. You can't go on stage in a maternity dress."

She also pushed a short road trip off till late fall because she wanted to see her two oldest daughters, Kathleen and Susan, comfortably settled in school.

"Susan—she's a dreamy blonde, the Marilyn Monroe of our family—starts kindergarten this week. If she has any problems, I want to be around to help her, not running all over making money I'll never use.

Teresa's happiest moments are those spent at home with her daughters.

"I asked the kids the other night what their favorite songs were. So, the little one, Megan, started singing 'The Mickey Mouse Club Song,' and little Susie sang 'Tonight You Belong to Me.' 'What's the matter,' I said, 'doesn't anyone like mommy's records?'"

Will Teresa have more children?

"Of course," she said emphatically. "We plan to have an even dozen. I love babies, and that way there will always be a baby in the house."