

## PANCHO AND LEFTY (TOWNES VAN ZANDT, 1972)

Intro Solo: (Capo 2)

/ C --- / ---- / G --- / ---- / F --- / ---- / Am --- / ---- /

C G  
Living on the road my friend, is gonna keep you free and clean

F C G  
Now you wear your skin like iron, Your breath as hard as kerosene

F C F  
Weren't your mama's only boy, But her favorite one it seems

Am / F C / G F Am  
She began to cry when you said good - bye, And sank into your dreams

Pancho was a bandit, boys, his horse was fast as polished steel  
He wore his gun outside his pants For all the honest world to feel  
Pancho met his match you know on the deserts down in Mexico  
Nobody heard his dying words but that's the way it goes

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Chorus:

F C F  
All the Federales say they could have had him any day

Am / F C / G F Am  
They only let him slip a - way out of kindness I suppose

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Lefty he can't sing the blues all night long like he used to  
The dust that Pancho bit down south ended up in Lefty's mouth  
The day they laid poor Pancho low Lefty split for Ohio  
Where he got the bread to go there ain't nobody knows (Chorus)

SOLO: / C --- / ---- / G --- / ---- / F --- / ---- / Am --- / ---- /

Poets tell how Pancho fell and Lefty's living in a cheap hotel  
The desert's quiet and Cleveland's cold, And so the story ends we're told  
Pancho needs your prayers it's true but save a few for Lefty too  
He only did what he had to do, and now he's growing old

Outro Chorus:

All the Federales say could have had him any day  
We only let him slip a - way out of kindness I suppose  
A few gray Federales say we could have had him any day  
We only let him go so long out of kindness I suppose (End on Am)