

# Pancho and Lefty

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(Verse 1)

[C] Living' on the road my friend, [G] was gonna keep you free and clean  
[F] Now you wear your skin like iron, your [C] breath's as hard as [G] kerosene  
[F] You weren't your mamma's only boy, but her [C] favorite one it [F] seems  
She [Am] began to cry when you [F] said [C] good-[G] bye,  
And [F] sank into your [Am] dreams (2,3,4,1,2,3,\*)

(Verse 2)

\*[G][C] Pancho was a bandit boys, [G] his horse was fast as polished steel  
[F] He wore his gun outside his pants, for [C] all the honest [G] world to feel  
[F] Pancho met his match you know, in the [C] desert down in [F] Mexico  
And [Am] no one heard his [F] dy- [C] ing [G] words,  
But [F] that's the way it [Am] goes (2,3,4,5,6,7,8)

[F] All the Federales say, we [C] could have had him [F] any day  
[Am] We only let him [F] slip [C] a- [G] way, out of [F] kindness I sup-[Am] pose (2,3,4,1,2,3,\*)

(Verse 3)

\*[G][C] Lefty he can't sing the blues, [G] all night long like he used to  
[F] The dust that Pancho bit down south, [C] ended up in [G] Lefty's mouth  
[F] The day they laid poor Pancho low, [C] Lefty split for [F] Ohio  
[Am] Where he got the [F] bread [C] to [G] go,  
There [F] ain't nobody [Am] knows (2,3,4,5,6,7,8)

[F] All the Federales say, we [C] could have had him [F] any day  
[Am] We only let him [F] slip [C] a- [G] way, out of [F] kindness I sup-[Am] pose (2,3,4,1,2,3,\*)

(Verse 4)

\*[G][C] The poets tell how Pancho fell, [G] Lefty's living in a cheap hotel  
[F] The desert's quiet and Cleveland's cold, and [C] so the story [G] ends, we're told  
[F] Pancho needs your prayers it's true, but [C] save a few for [F] Lefty too  
[Am] He only did what he [F] had [C] to [G] do,  
And [F] now he's growing [Am] old (2,3,4,5,6,7,8)

[F] A few grey Federales say, [C] could have had him [F] any day  
[Am] We only let him [F] drift [C] a- [G] way, out of [F] kindness I sup-[Am] pose (2,3,4,5,6,7,8)

[F] A few grey Federales say, [C] could have had him [F] any day  
[Am] We only let him [F] go [C] so [G] long, out of [F] kindness I sup-[Am] pose (2,3,4,1,2,3,\*)

\*[Am][G][C]