54-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
 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
 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] kindnes
 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
 sup-[Am]pose (2,3,4,1,2,3,*)

 *[Am][G][C]