

Pancho and Lefty

G
Livin' on the road, my friend
D
Was gonna keep us free and clean
C
But now you wear your skin like iron
G D
And your breath's as hard as kerosene
C
You weren't your mama's only boy
G C
But her favorite one, it seems
Em C - G - D
She began to cry when you said good bye
C Em
And sank into your dreams

G
Pancho was a bandit, boy
D
Rode a horse fast as polished steel
C
Wore his guns outside his pants
G D
For all the honest world to feel
C
Pancho met his match, you know
G C
On the deserts down in Mexico
Em C - G - D
No one heard his dy- in' words
C Em
But that's the way it goes

[Chorus]

C
And all the federales say
G C
They could have had him any day
Em C - G - D
They only let him slip a- way
C Em - D -
Out of kindness, I suppose

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[Verse 3]

G
Now Lefty he can't sing the blues
D
All night long like he used to
C
The dust that Pancho bit down South
G D
It ended up in Lefty's mouth
C
The day they laid old Pancho low
G C
Lefty split for Ohio
Em C - G - D
Where he got the bread to go
C Em
Well there ain't nobody knows (chorus)

[Verse 4]

G
Now poets sing how Pancho fell
D
Lefty's livin' in a cheap hotel
C
The desert's quiet and Cleveland's cold
G D
So the story ends, we're told
C
Pancho needs your prayers, it's true
G C
But save a few for Lefty, too
Em C - G - D
He only did what he had to do
C Em
And now he's growin' old
C
[1st time:] All the federales say
[2nd time] Yes a few old gray federales say
G C
They could have had him any day
Em C - G - D
They only let him go so long
C Em
Out of kindness, I suppose (repeat chorus)