

# Pancho And Lefty chords by Townes Van Zandt

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Verse 1.

**G**  
Living on the road my friend  
**D**  
Was gonna keep you free and clean  
**C**  
Now you wear your skin like iron  
**G** **D**  
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** **D**  
She began to cry when you said goodbye  
**C** **Em**  
sank into your dreams

Verse 2.

**G**  
Pancho was a bandit boys  
**D**  
His horse was fast as polished steel  
**C**  
Wore his gun 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** **D**  
Nobody heard his dying words  
**C** **Em**  
That's the way it goes

Chorus :

**C**  
All the federales say  
**G** **C**  
They could have had him any day  
**Em** **C** **D**  
They only let him hang around  
**C** **Em**  
Out of kindness I suppose

Verse 3.

**G**  
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**  
Ended up in Lefty's mouth  
**C**  
The day they laid poor Pancho low  
**G** **C**  
Lefty split for Ohio  
**Em** **C** **D**  
Where he got the bread to go  
**C** **Em**  
There ain't nobody knows

Chorus :

**C**  
All the federales say  
**G** **C**  
They could have had him any day  
**Em** **C** **D**  
They only let him slip away  
**C** **Em**  
Out of kindness I suppose

Verse 4.

**G**  
 The poets tell 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**            **D**  
 He just did what he had to do  
**C**                    **Em**  
 Now he's growing old

Chorus:

**C**  
 A few gray federales say  
**G**                    **C**  
 They could have had him any day  
**Em**                    **C**            **D**  
 They only let him go so wrong  
**C**                    **Em**  
 Out of kindness I suppose

(repeat)

**C**  
 A few gray federales say  
**G**                    **C**  
 They could have had him any day  
**Em**                    **C**            **D**  
 They only let him go so wrong  
**C**                    **Em**  
 Out of kindness I suppose