Pancho and Lefty

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INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 / [C] / [C] / [C] / [C] /

[C] Livin' 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 mama's only boy, but her [C] favorite one it [F] seems
She be-[Am]gan to cry when you [F] said [C] good-[G]bye [G]
And [F] sank into your [Am] dreams / [Am] [Am]↓[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, on the [C] deserts down in [F] Mexico
And [Am] nobody heard his [F] dy-[C]in' [G] words [G]
Ah but [F] that's the way it [Am] goes / [Am] [Am]↓ [G]↓ /

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[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 [G]
There [F] ain't nobody [Am] knows / [Am] [Am]↓ [G]↓ /

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[C] The poets tell how Pancho fell [G] Lefty's livin' in a cheap hotel

[F] The desert's quiet and Cleveland's cold

[C] And so the story [G] ends we're told

[F] Pancho needs your prayers it's true [C] but save a few for [F] Lefty too

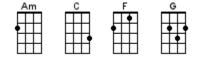
[Am] He only did what he [F] had [C] to [G] do [G]

And [F] now he's growin' [Am] old / [Am] [Am] \downarrow [G] \downarrow /

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[F] A few grey Federales say [C] they could've had him [F] any day [C] They only let him [F] go [C] so [G] long [G] Out of [F] kindness, I sup-[Am]pose / [Am] [Am] \downarrow [G] \downarrow / [F] \downarrow \downarrow [G] \downarrow \downarrow / [C] \downarrow



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