

Pancho and Lefty

Townes Van Zandt

Chords			
G	21 3 320003	C	32 1 x32010
Em	12 02200	D	132 xx0232

Strum Pattern			
B	d u	B	u d u
1	+ 2	+ 3	+ 4 +

||G---|----|Em---|Em (hold) ||

G (2)

Living on the road my friend

D (2)

Is gonna keep you free and clean

C (2)

Now you wear your skin like iron and

G

D

your breath's as hard as kerosene

C (2)

Weren't your mama's only boy

G

C

But her favorite one it seems

Em

C (1/2)

D (2)

She began to cry when you said good - bye

C

Em

Em (1/2) D (1/2)

And sank into your dreams

G (2)

Pancho was a bandit, boys,

D (2)

his horse was fast as polished steel

C (2)

Wore his gun outside his pants

G

D

For all the honest world to feel

C (2)

Pancho met his match you know on the

G

C

deserts down in Mexico

Em C (1/2) D (2)
And nobody heard his dying words
C Em Em (1/2) D (1/2)
That's the way it goes

Chorus

C (2)
And all the Federales say
G C
They could have had him any day
Em C (1/2) D (2)
They only let him hang around
C Em Em (1/2) D (1/2)
out of kindness I suppose

G (2)
Well, Lefty he can't sing the blues
D (2)
all night long like he used to
C (2)
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 (1/2) D (2)
Where he got the bread to go
C Em Em (1/2) D (1/2)
Ah, there ain't nobody knows

Chorus

G (2)
Well, the poets tell how Pancho fell
D (2)
And Lefty's living in a cheap hotel
C (2)
The desert's quiet and Cleveland's cold,
G D

And so the story ends we're told

C (2)

Pancho needs your prayers it's true

G

C

But save a few for Lefty too

Em

C (1/2)

D (2)

He just did what he had to do

C

Em

Em (1/2) D (1/2)

and now he's growing old

C (2)

A few gray Federales say

G

C

We could have had him any day

Em

C (1/2) D (2)

We only let him go so wrong

C

Em

Em (1/2) D (1/2)

out of kindness I suppose

C (2)

A few gray Federales say

G

C

We could have had him any day

Em

C (1/2) D (2)

We only let him go so wrong

C

Em

out of kindness I suppose

End on Em