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Pancho And Lefty

<sup>C</sup> Living on the/road my friend,<sup>G7</sup> / was gonna keep you/free and clean/  
<sup>F</sup> Now you wear your/skin like iron and your/breath's as hard as/<sup>C</sup> kerosene/<sup>G7</sup>  
<sup>F</sup> You weren't your mama's/only boy, but her/<sup>C</sup> favorite one it/<sup>F</sup> seems  
<sup>Am</sup> She began to cry when you/<sup>G7</sup> said goodbye, / / sank into your/<sup>Am</sup> dreams / /

<sup>C</sup> Pancho was a/bandit, boys,<sup>G7</sup> / his horse was fast as/polished steel/  
<sup>F</sup> Wore his gun outside his pants/<sup>C</sup> for all the honest/<sup>G7</sup> world to feel/  
<sup>F</sup> But Pancho met his/match you know, on the/<sup>C</sup> deserts down in/<sup>F</sup> Mexico /  
<sup>Am</sup> Nobody heard his/<sup>G7</sup> dying words, / / but/<sup>F</sup> that's the way it/<sup>Am</sup> goes / /

<sup>F</sup> And all the federales say/<sup>C</sup> they could've had him/<sup>F</sup> any day /  
<sup>Am</sup> They only let him/<sup>G7</sup> hang around, / / out of/<sup>F</sup> kindness I suppose / /<sup>Am</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Lefty he can't/sing the blues/<sup>G7</sup> all night long like he/used to /  
<sup>F</sup> The dust that Pancho/bit down south/<sup>C</sup> ended up in/<sup>G7</sup> Lefty's mouth /  
<sup>F</sup> The day they laid poor/Pancho low,/<sup>C</sup> Lefty split for/<sup>F</sup> Ohio /  
<sup>Am</sup> Where he got the/<sup>G7</sup> bread to go, / / ain't nobody/<sup>Am</sup> knows / /

<sup>F</sup> And all the federales say/<sup>C</sup> they could've had him/<sup>F</sup> any day /  
<sup>Am</sup> They only let him/<sup>G7</sup> slip away, / / out of/<sup>F</sup> kindness I suppose / /<sup>Am</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Now the/poets tell how/Pancho fell,/<sup>G7</sup> Lefty's livin' in a/cheap hotel /  
<sup>F</sup> The desert's quiet and/Cleveland's cold, / / so the story/<sup>G7</sup> ends we're told /  
<sup>F</sup> Pancho needs your/prayers it's true, / / save a few for/<sup>F</sup> Lefty too /  
<sup>Am</sup> He just did what he/<sup>G7</sup> had to do, / / now he's growin'/<sup>Am</sup> old / /

<sup>F</sup> And a/few grey federales say/<sup>C</sup> they could've had him/<sup>F</sup> any day /  
<sup>Am</sup> They only let him/<sup>G7</sup> go so wrong, / / out of/<sup>F</sup> kindness I suppose / /<sup>Am</sup>  
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