

# PANCHO AND LEFTY

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**C** **G**  
LIVING ON THE ROAD MY FRIEND IS GONNA KEEP YOU FREE AND CLEAN  
**F** **C** **G**  
NOW YOU WEAR YOUR SKIN LIKE IRON; YOUR BREATH AS HARD AS KEROSENE  
**F** **C** **F**  
WEREN'T YOUR MAMA'S ONLY BOY, BUT HER FAVORITE ONE IT SEEMS  
**Am** **F** **C** **G** **F** **Am** **G**  
SHE BEGAN TO CRY WHEN YOU SAID GOODBYE, AND SANK INTO YOUR DREAMS  
**C** **G**  
PANCHO WAS A BANDIT BOYS HIS HORSE WAS FAST AS POLISHED STEEL  
**F** **C** **G**  
HE WORE HIS GUN OUTSIDE HIS PANTS FOR ALL THE HONEST WORLD TO FEEL  
**F** **C** **F**  
PANCHO MET HIS MATCH YOU KNOW ON THE DESERTS DOWN IN MEXICO  
**Am** **F** **C** **G** **F** **Am** **G**  
NOBODY HEARD HIS DYING WORDS AH BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES

**F** **C** **F**  
ALL THE FEDERALES SAY THEY COULD HAVE HAD HIM ANY DAY  
**Am** **F** **C** **G** **F** **Am** **G**  
THEY ONLY LET HIM SLIP AWAY OUT OF KINDNESS I SUPPOSE

**C** **G**  
LEFTY HE CAN'T SING THE BLUES ALL NIGHT LONG LIKE HE USED TO  
**F** **C** **G**  
THE DUST THAT PANCHO BIT DOWN SOUTH ENDED UP IN LEFTY'S MOUTH  
**F** **C** **F**  
THE DAY THEY LAID POOR PANCHO LOW LEFTY SPLIT FOR OHIO  
**Am** **F** **C** **G** **F** **Am** **G**  
WHERE HE GOT THE BREAD TO GO THERE AIN'T NOBODY KNOWS

**F** **C** **F**  
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**C** **G**  
POETS TELL HOW PANCHO FELL AND LEFTY'S LIVING IN A CHEAP HOTEL  
**F** **C** **G**  
THE DESERT'S QUIET AND CLEVELAND'S COLD, AND SO THE STORY ENDS, WE'RE TOLD  
**F** **C** **F**  
PANCHO NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS IT'S TRUE BUT SAVE A FEW FOR LEFTY TOO  
**Am** **F** **C** **G** **F** **Am** **G**  
HE ONLY DID WHAT HE HAD TO DO AND NOW HE'S GROWING OLD  
**F** **C** **F**  
ALL THE FEDERALES SAY COULD HAVE HAD HIM ANY DAY  
**Am** **F** **C** **G** **F** **Am** **G**  
WE ONLY LET HIM SLIP AWAY OUT OF KINDNESS I SUPPOSE  
**F** **C** **F**  
A FEW GRAY FEDERALES SAY COULD HAVE HAD HIM ANY DAY  
**Am** **F** **C** **G** **F** **Am**  
WE ONLY ONLY LET HIM GO SO LONG OUT OF OF KINDNESS I SUPPOSE