

# Pancho and Lefty Townes Van Zandt

Hear this song at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMPydlR4NaQ> (Emmylou Harris version. Play along in this key)

From: Richard G's Ukulele Songbook [www.scorpex.net/uke.htm](http://www.scorpex.net/uke.htm)

[C] Living on the road my friend is [G] gonna keep you free and clean  
[F] Now you wear your skin like iron [C] your breath as hard as [G] kerosene  
[F] Weren't your mama's only boy but her [C] favourite one it [F] seems  
She be[Am]gan to cry when you [F] said [C] good[G]bye  
And [F] sank into your [Am] dreams

[C] Pancho was a bandit boys his [G] 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  
[Am] Nobody heard his [F] dy[C]ing [G] words  
Ah but [F] that's the way it [Am] goes

[F] All the Federales say they [C] could have had him [F] any day  
[Am] They only let him [F] slip [C] a[G]way out of [F] kindness I su[Am]ppose

[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  
There [F] ain't nobody [Am] knows

[F] All the Federales say they [C] could have had him [F] any day  
[Am] They only let him [F] slip [C] a[G]way out of [F] kindness I su[Am]ppose

[C] Poets tell how Pancho fell [G] and Lefty's living in a cheap hotel  
The [F] desert's quiet and Cleveland's cold  
And [C] so the story [G] ends we're told

[F] Pancho needs your prayers it's true but [C] save a few for [F] Lefty too  
[Am] He only did what he [F] had [C] to [G] do  
And [F] now he's growing [Am] old

[F] All the Federales say they [C] could have had him [F] any day  
[Am] They only let him [F] slip [C] a[G]way out of [F] kindness I su[Am]ppose

[F] A few gray Federales say [C] could have had him [F] any day  
[Am] We only only let him [F] go [C] so [G] long  
Out of [F] kindness I su[Am]ppose [G] [C]

